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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Martha Stewart case:** Lawyers for Martha Stewart told a federal appeals court in New York that she suffered a "fundamentally unfair" trial at the hands of prosecutors who incorrectly suggested she was accused of insider trading. Stewart was never charged with insider trading — only with deceiving investigators. But the appeals brief, made public Thursday, argues prosecutors and the trial judge kept the jury from understanding the difference.

**Peterson trial:** Testimony in Scott Peterson's murder trial in Redwood City, Calif., turned to reporting of his wife as the defense attacked prosecution claims that the pregnant schoolteacher stopped walking the couple's dog long before she vanished.

Kevin Bertalotto, an investigator with the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office, testified Wednesday about a tip he received in April 2003 from a man who claimed to have seen Laci walking the dog around the neighborhood about two weeks before she went missing.

**Alabama segregation:** Civil rights activists say racism is behind opposition to a ballot measure that would strike language requiring segregated schools and poll taxes from the Alabama Constitution.

Quoted chief justice Roy Moore and other critics contend the measure is a backdoor attempt to raise taxes for schools.

**Gotti radio dispute:** Lawyers for John A. "Junior" Gotti want a radio host to stop trashing him on a drive-time morning show. The host, Curtis Sliva, once was the target of a failed hit allegedly arranged by the son of late mob boss John Gotti. On Wednesday, defense attorneys told a federal judge that Sliva's on-air rants against the client could poison a jury in his racketeering case.

**Medicinal marijuana doctor:** A doctor who signed a third of all medical marijuana cards in Oregon lost his license to practice medicine Wednesday, in what medical regulators and advocates for the drug said marked the first such case in the nine states where marijuana is legal as a medicine.

Dr. Phillip Leveque, 81, a Molalla osteopath, was placed on probation in 2002 for signing medical marijuana applications for patients he had not examined in person and whose medical history he had not reviewed.

**Abstention voting:** A federal judge in Har-

risburg, Pa., refused Wednesday to order new absentee ballots for military families and overseas voters and give those voters until after the Nov. 2 election to return them because of confusion over Ralph Nader's status.

U.S. District Judge Yvette Kane said the U.S. Justice Department, which sought the order, failed to show how the voters were disenfranchised by casting their votes on ballots that include Nader's now-stricken name.

**Hacking autopsy:** The remains of Lori Hacking, the woman believed to have been killed by her husband and her body dumped in the trash, were so broken up by the time police recovered them from a landfill that authorities may never know how she died.

Autopsy findings released Wednesday confirmed Hacking's identity from dental records, but said experts couldn't determine the cause of death.

**Priest abuse case:** A lawyer for defrocked Massachusetts priest Paul Shanley asked a judge Wednesday to dismiss rare and indecent assault charges against his client, a central figure in the clergy sex abuse scandal, after one of his accusers failed to appear in court.

The alleged victim, now 35, says Shanley molested him when he was a child, but he did not remember the abuse until about three years ago, when the scandal first broke in Boston.

## World

**North Korea aid:** The head of the United Nations food agency on Thursday asked South Korea to donate more food to ease shortages in its impoverished northern neighbor.

James Morris, chief of the World Food Program, also sought donations for Afghanistan and Iran when he met with Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon, said Gerald Bourke, a WFP spokesman. The WFP, the world's largest humanitarian agency, relies on donor contributions to help alleviate the plight of more than 800 million hungry people around the world.

**Milosevic trial:** With his trial once again near an impasse, Slobodan Milosevic urged an appeals court Thursday in The Hague, Netherlands, to dismiss his court-appointed lawyer and allow him to conduct his own defense against war crimes charges.

The former Yugoslav president told a five-judge appeals panel at the U.N. tribunal that medical reports were wrong when they showed he is in danger of a heart attack if he continued representing himself, and his right to self-defense is fundamental.

**Human cloning debate:** The highly contentious issue of cloning is back on the U.N. agenda, with support among member states for a treaty banning human cloning but divisions over the use of human embryos for medical research.

The U.N. General Assembly's legal committee begins a two-day debate Thursday that will focus on rival resolutions: Costa Rica's draft calls for a treaty that would ban all cloning while Belgium's draft calls for a treaty that would ban the cloning of babies but allow countries to decide on using embryos for research, which many scientists believe may lead to new treatments for diseases.

**Sudan peace talks:** Sudanese government and rebel representatives were due to restart peace talks Thursday in the Nigerian capital, Abuja, on the crisis in Sudan's Darfur region, officials said. But one rebel group said the talks would be delayed.

Nigerian Foreign Ministry official Florentina Ukonu said the talks, brokered by the African Union, would start Thursday.

## Military

**Navy sonar dispute:** A federal appeals court in San Francisco decided Wednesday that marine mammals have no standing to sue to stop the U.S. Navy from using sonar.

In upholding a lower court decision, a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco said the world's whales, porpoises and dolphins — have no standing under the Endangered Species Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act or the National Environmental Policy Act.

## Business

**Enron scandal:** Former Enron Corp. CEO Jeffrey Skilling's legal team wants federal prosecutors to get specific about documents, potential witnesses, and other information that could be helpful to his defense against conspiracy, fraud and insider trading charges.

Prosecutors say they've already turned over "virtually all documents" to Skilling, and his demands exceed the government's obligation to provide information that could be used to exonerate him. The government also says Skilling is "well positioned" to review such information given his high-powered legal team.

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# U.S. bases escape major typhoon damage

Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Wednesday's typhoon meant a lot of merchandise moved at the Navy Exchange — but not in the usual sense.

The heavy rain from Typhoon Tokage soaked through about a third of the NEX's clothing, causing employees to cordon off large sections of the store Thursday and move racks of socks, underwear, toiletries and cosmetics to different areas.

NEX officials declined to estimate the amount of damage to the store and merchandise within, referring questions to NEX officials located in Virginia Beach, Va.

Although Tokage was lethal in southwestern Japan and killed at least 63 people nationwide, it caused far less damage to the Yokosuka base than Typhoon Ma-on

## Ceiling leak at Yokosuka NEX, mudslide near Yokota base among minor problems

See related story on Page 8

Oct. 9. While the rest of the Kanto Plain was put on the highest readiness condition before Ma-on hit, Yokosuka remained only on "storm watch" because base weather forecasters said it looked like there would not be sustained damaging winds.

But Ma-on and its heavy winds blew the USS Vincennes out of its berth and into the USS Coronado,

prompting a still-ongoing investigation by Pacific Fleet investigators. Ma-on additionally did a good deal of damage to the base, blowing a roof off one structure, creating some mudslides and toppling a number of big trees, one of which landed on a car. At that point, the base went into typhoon emergency mode, closing the gates. But some people noted that it was too late: The gates were closed after the winds had subsided, keeping people from returning home.

This time, Yokosuka joined the rest of the region in preparing for Tokage by declaring the highest

typhoon readiness condition. But Tokage's damage seemed limited to the Navy Exchange. Other than that, "We had some minor mudslides," said Jon Nylander, a spokesman for Commander Naval Forces Japan.

Asugi Naval Air Facility escaped troubles, said a base spokesman.

Near Yokota Air Base, Typhoon Tokage forced the temporary closure of Tama Lodge and Tama Hills Recreation Area after a mudslide during the storm toppled trees and six utility poles. The slide blocked one of the roads near the lodge, said 1st Lt. War-

ren Comer, a Yokota Air Base spokesman. The recreation area is under the control of Yokota.

Comer said Thursday the mudslide was rather large and occurred sometime Wednesday during the typhoon.

"It didn't stop access to the lodge itself but it created the inability to access other areas at Tama Hills," he said.

Members of Yokota's 374th Civil Engineer Squadron are repairing the power lines and clearing the roads, Comer said. Officials don't know when the recreation area will reopen. Comer said engineers still are assessing damage costs.

The 250-acre recreation area and golf course, about 12 miles from Yokota Air Base, is a popular retreat for Department of Defense-sponsored families on the Kanto Plain.

## New gate at Misawa should ease traffic

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — A new gate bearing the name of a fruit is scheduled to open here in December.

The Apple Gate, on the east side of base near the former 3rd Space Surveillance Squadron building, is intended to divert heavy truck traffic from the neighboring village of Kamakita, said Maj. Joe Milner, 35th Security Forces Squadron Commander.

In written responses to Stars and Stripes' questions about the new gate, Milner said Kamakita residents, through the Sendai Defense Facilities Administration Bureau, asked Misawa city to alleviate the traffic problem. Misawa Mayor Shigeyoshi Suzuki supported the project, Milner stated.

Briefly used after Sept. 11, 2001, the Kamakita Gate on Security Hill responded in March to meet a Pacific Air Forces mandate that contract vehicles 3/4-ton and larger be inspected. The vehicle checks occur inside the gate in a large, open parking area. The gate can be accessed only by driving through Kamakita village.

"The Apple Gate is opening because the Kamakita Gate was causing so many community disruptions when we routed 650 to 725 heavy vehicles a day through their little village," Milner wrote. "It is also more convenient for the truck drivers as they are closer to the highway entrances and do not have to travel through Misawa City to get to Kamakita gate. It is a win-win situation for everyone."

The Apple Gate will replace Kamakita Gate as the primary commercial vehicle entry and search area for the base, Milner wrote. Kamakita Gate will close when the new gate opens.

Pacific Air Forces is paying \$475,000 for the project, to cover the needed asphalt and gate construction, Milner stated. Misawa city also is contributing funds to complete the road from off base to the perimeter fence and to the base road. Construction began ear-

### 2 lanes at Falcon Gate

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — The Falcon Gate is open again to two lanes of traffic. Vehicles may exit and enter the gate between 5 a.m. and 10 p.m. Construction of security measures, such as bollards and tire shredders, began in the spring, reducing inbound and outbound traffic flow to one lane during certain hours. Base officials said construction at the Falcon Gate's vehicle search area should be complete by Dec. 1.

The Main and Levittow gates also are receiving similar security upgrades; work on both should be done by Dec. 1, according to Maj. Joe Milner, 35th Security Forces Squadron commander.

Vehicles still may use the Main Gate at any time but inbound traffic currently is being diverted through the old outbound lane. Levittow Gate is closed. Construction at all three gates, designed to meet Air Force guidelines for more stringent control of entry points, is priced at almost \$2 million.

— Jennifer H. Svan

lier this month and is expected to be completed between Nov. 15 and Dec. 1.

The new gate is to be open from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, for contractors making deliveries on base. They will not be able to exit from the gate, Milner noted.

As for the name, a contractor with the Army Corps of Engineers, which is building the gate post, suggested that base officials name the gate after something significant to Aomori Prefecture and the Misawa area, Milner said. "The suggestion was made to call it 'Apple Gate' since apples are a major produce northern Japan is known for," he wrote. "The name just seems to have stuck."

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### Say 'cheese'



Joshua Fleming smiles for the camera as photographer Rick Miller, from Campus Photography International in Orange County, Calif., snaps a shot. Students from Jada Cooper's second-grade class at Matthew C. Perry Elementary School at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japan, had their annual school photos taken this week.

TOM GUSHIKEN  
Courtesy to Stars and Stripes

## Yokosuka city to hold 3rd annual nuclear disaster readiness drill

Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Yokosuka, Japan — Yokosuka city is planning its third disaster-preparedness drill next week, continuing to prepare for nuclear-powered warships accidents related to the base, according to local newspapers.

The Yomiuri Shimbun reported that Yokosuka Mayor Hideo Sawada, at a news conference Wednesday, said city hall would carry out on Oct. 26 what's become an annual drill: Practicing evacuation and response following an accident aboard a nuclear-powered warship.

"The U.S. Navy will join this exercise although it does not share a reason why we do this exercise," the mayor was quoted as saying.

"We had to simulate that a radiation monitoring post had an unusual reading."

That was the same scenario in last year's drill. The U.S. Navy's portion of the drill will involve receiving a phone call from the city reporting high radiation levels showing on a monitoring post — and the base's response that a simulated nuclear-powered submarine was not the reason why. That's exactly what happened last year, the first time the Navy participated.

Last year, the pretense high-radiation readings were blamed on a machine at a construction site. The same scenario will be used this year, according to a news release from Commander Naval Forces Japan.

According to Japanese newspa-

pers, the Navy maintains the position that no nuclear reactor accidents would occur and that such an impossibility cannot be used even theoretically in drill scenarios.

In the first drill by the city in 2002, the scenario included a radiation leak from a U.S. nuclear submarine. The U.S. Navy did not participate.

The drills by Yokosuka were the result of heightened fears of nuclear accidents after a 1999 accident at Tokaimura nuclear fuel-processing plant, which supplies fuel to Japanese nuclear reactors — 51 in all — that supply a third of the country's electricity.

The Navy repeatedly has stated that in 55 years of its nuclear program there hasn't been one accident involving the nuclear propulsion system.

### New Navy uniforms?

Sailors testing proposed camouflage 'working uniforms' at various worldwide commands. See story and full-color photos on Page 11

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jason Lancaster, left, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Jim Machell, cryogenics technicians, inspect the inner operating system used to filter the surrounding air into almost pure oxygen and nitrogen at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station's Cryogenics Laboratory last week.

PHOTOS BY GREG TYLER  
Stars and Stripes



# No mystery at Iwakuni, just a lot of air

## Cryogenics lab uses extreme cold, filter process to purify essential elements

BY GREG TYLER  
Stars and Stripes

IWAKUNI MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, Japan — Staff members said it is common for people unaware of the work at Iwakuni's Cryogenics Laboratory to imagine something futuristic, mysterious and possibly sinister. Some imagine deceased people in a frozen state, pending a discovery to cure whatever disease did them, they said. However, nobody is frozen and stored here, staffers added last week. But the mistake in terms — cryonics and cryogenics — can be amusing.

"Most people I meet wonder what we do, and sometimes ask if we freeze people here, like in the sci-fi movies," said Petty Officer 1st Class Laurence Gordo, leading petty officer at the lab responsible for purifying elements needed in aviation and other fields.

"Actually our job is nothing more than to produce, store and distribute cryogenic products in a very pure state, mainly oxygen and nitrogen," Gordo said last week from the lab.

Freezing the deceased and "thawing" them in the future is cryonics, a fringe alternative to mainstream burial or cremation.

"Our mission is to provide the station with nitrogen and oxygen products in either liquid or gaseous form," Gordo said.

Lab personnel said cryogenics facilities are typically on installations geared toward aviation operations. Iwakuni's facility is the lone U.S.-operated lab on a base in Japan. One other U.S. cryogenics lab is on the USS Kitty Hawk aircraft carrier operating from Yokosuka Naval Base, they added. Ac-



Cpl. James Fairman loads tanks of almost pure oxygen and nitrogen at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station's Cryogenics Laboratory onto a trailer to transport them to another part of the base last week.

cording to base spokesman Capt. Stewart Upton, other air bases in Japan obtain cryogenics products commercially.

When pilots fly at high heights at high speed, the purified oxygen becomes critical for breathing, said Petty Officer 3rd Class Jason Lancaster, a member of the cryogenics team. "It also has medical and veterinary uses, and is used by firefighters," he added.

The tires on airplanes are filled with dense gaseous nitrogen, lab personnel said. "Air in the tires would cause them to crack, or explode," Lancaster said, "when the temperature outside drops too low."

"Our big challenge is providing the product as pure as possible, meaning a minimum of 99.5 percent pure," Gordo added.

fractional distillation, sublimation and molecular sieve," he said. "But basically this involves lowering the temperature of air to at least minus-280 degrees Fahrenheit, at which time the air we breathe begins to take liquid form."

As the process continues, lowering the air to minus-300 degrees Fahrenheit makes oxygen turn to liquid, and at minus-320 degrees Fahrenheit, nitrogen does the same.


Then the fractional distilling process with "similarities to that used to make moonshine liquor" is used to purify the elements, Hooper added.

The unit operates two mobile generating plants to create the temperatures needed. It stores up to 2,000 gallons of liquid nitrogen and 3,000 gallons of liquid oxygen and also receives cryogenic liquids from other locations for storage and distribution.

So, the cryogenic techs were asked, how pure is the air people breathe every day in Iwakuni? "It's actually only about 26 percent oxygen, so there's a lot of other things in it, that's for sure," Hooper said.

Even though few people know about their mission, Gordo said, "We're proud of this small, unique Navy community."

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# Commander of 343rd is relieved of duty

BY JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

The commander of the 343rd Quartermaster Company was relieved of duty Thursday, one week after a platoon of his soldiers refused to conduct a resupply mission in Iraq, according to military officials.

The supply commander "asked to be relieved and her request was granted," said Lt. Col. Steven Boylan, a spokesman for the coalition forces in Iraq. The name of the officer, a captain, was withheld for privacy reasons.

Up to 19 troops in the company, a Reserve unit from Rock Hill, S.C., are under investigation after they failed to report for a convoy muster at a logistics outpost in Tallil on Oct. 13.

"The outgoing commander is not suspected of misconduct and the move has nothing to do with the guilt or innocence of anyone involved," said Boylan.

Boylan declined to confirm or deny reports that senior leaders in the 343rd's parent command had lost faith in her ability to lead. CNN, quoting unnamed Pentagon officials, said the captain was relieved because of a loss of faith in her ability to lead

## Military says captain of unit that refused resupply mission requested to step down

following the breakdown in discipline among her troops.

"I don't know if that's accurate," said Boylan, "but if that's the case, it's between her and the command."

Boylan said the captain has been reassigned to a new position "commensurate with her rank and experience." The name of her replacement was not released.

Meanwhile, investigations into the incident are ongoing.

Brig. Gen. James E. Chambers, commander of the Fort Hood, Texas-based 13th Corps Support Command — the parent headquarters for the quartermaster company — told reporters on Sunday that he had ordered two informal inquiries into the incident.

One will focus on whether criminal prosecution should be pursued, while the other will explore the reason behind the soldiers' refusal.

"They are at Tallil now collecting interviews and taking statements from the soldiers involved," said Boylan.

Troops have told family members that they were being sent on a "suicide mission" and complained of old, broken-down equipment. Chambers acknowledged that the platoon's fleet of big-rig fuel haulers was not equipped with armor plating designed to protect against roadside bombs and ambushes, the favored tactic of insurgents in Iraq.

Chambers' spokesman, Maj. Richard Spiegel, said it's unclear when the investigations would be completed, but added that the general has "emphasized quality over speed."

In Washington, meanwhile, a dozen Democrats have penned a letter to the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., seeking oversight hearings on incidents ranging from the 343rd Quartermaster Company to

continued reports of troops insufficiently equipped to operate in Iraq.

"While we understand that the Department of Defense has taken steps to address equipment shortfalls, we are concerned that ... there are still shortages of vital, life-saving equipment urgently needed by our men and women in harm's way," reads a portion of the letter.

While Hunter deems the issue important, it is unlikely the committee can squeeze in additional hearings during Congress' brief return to Capitol Hill in November, said Harold Stavenas, Hunter's press secretary. Much of the members' time will be spent debating HR 10, the so-called "9/11 bill" of recommendations from the 9/11 Commission to fight terror.

"We have and will continue to conduct robust oversight and hearings to ensure the safety of our troops," Stavenas said. "Our work is done around the clock and year-round — not just when Congress is in session." The issue of hearings likely will be taken up when the 109th Congress returns in January.

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## Reservist: 'We are not cowards'

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A soldier from an Army Reserve unit whose members refused to deliver fuel along a dangerous route in Iraq says he and others did not act out of fear, as the soldier's father has said.

"We are not cowards," Spc. Major Coates told The Charlotte Observer for a report published Thursday. "The way that things come out, it makes us look like that. ... Our soldiers have run missions all over Iraq, we're never scared to go on a mission."

Coates was among 19 members of a platoon from the 343rd Quartermaster Company, based in Rock Hill, S.C., who last week refused to transport supplies from Tallil air base near Nasiriyah to Taji north of Baghdad.

He called the newspaper Wednesday, saying he wanted to correct statements made in interviews by his father, John Coates. The specialist said his father may have gotten details wrong because he was upset about what happened.

Relatives had said that the soldiers' trucks were broken down, that they lacked a proper armed escort and that the fuel they were to deliver was contaminated.

Army officials dispute that account and say they are investigating. The reservists could face courts-martial.

Coates said he was wearing body armor during the mission, though his father said he was not. Coates, a water treatment specialist, also said he was properly trained to deploy to Iraq but acknowledged that when he arrived, officials "did not tell us we were infantry now," as his father had said.

And he said his father was wrong when he said soldiers banded together in refusing the order.

"We did not form a group on the decision we made," Coates said. "Everyone made their own individual decision to do what we thought best."

If soldiers acted as a group in what the military considers a mutiny, they could receive a more severe punishment than if they acted individually.



Pat McCook, left, talks with Jackie Butler on Wednesday, in Jackson, Miss. McCook and Butler, wives of two of the soldiers in Iraq who refused to go on a fuel convoy because of concerns over the safety of their vehicles, say the soldiers won a partial victory for other troops who might be put in harm's way.

## Wives say their husbands' actions saved others' lives

BY HOLBROOK MOHR

The Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — The decision by commanders to add armor to more military vehicles gives a "partial victory" to the soldiers in Iraq who refused to go on a fuel convoy because of safety concerns — and helped save other troops who might be put in harm's way, wives of two of the soldiers said Wednesday.

"The military has already started to work on the vehicles and admitted, yes, the vehicles didn't have armor," Pat McCook said.

"It's a partial victory."

Sgt. Larry McCook was among at least 17 members of the 343rd Army Reserve Quartermaster Company based in Rock Hill, S.C., who refused to transport supplies last week from an air base near Nasiriyah to a city north of Baghdad.

Five members of the platoon including McCook were assigned to different units and are awaiting word on what punishment, if any, they might face.

But Brig. Gen. James Chambers, the unit's commander, has also since ordered the 343rd to refrain

from further missions until its vehicles are inspected. Chambers also said the Army is adding steel armor plating on unarmed vehicles and upgrading maintenance.

Jackie Butler, whose husband, 44-year-old Staff Sgt. Michael Butler, also was reassigned for disobeying the order, said her husband was only doing what he was trained to do — survive. The Gulf War veteran with 24 years of service would not have refused the order without a compelling reason, she said.

"He was at that point that he didn't have a choice. It's been going on for too long," she said. "Even though he knew what was going to happen to him, in his mind he's saying, 'At least other soldiers over there will get the equipment they need to go and do their job.'"

The mission was carried out by other soldiers from the 343rd, which has at least 120 soldiers, the military said.

Both wives said their soldier husbands still don't know what punishment they face.

"I just want to wake up and it be over," Jackie Butler said.

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## GI sentenced to 8 years for Abu Ghraib prison abuse

BY TINI TRAN

The Associated Press

**BAGHDAD** — The highest ranking soldier charged in the Abu Ghraib prison scandal was sentenced Thursday to eight years in prison for abusing inmates.

Sgt. Ivan "Chip" Frederick, 38, an Army reservist from Buckingham, Va., was also given a reduction in rank, forfeiture of pay and a dishonorable discharge. The sentencing came a day after he pleaded guilty to eight counts of abusing and humiliating Iraqi detainees.

It was the longest prison sentence yet in connection with the scandal that broke worldwide in April with the publication of photos and video that showed U.S. soldiers abusing naked Iraqis in the prison on the western outskirts of Baghdad.

Frederick — a military policeman and former Virginia corrections officer — acknowledged his part in the scandal, admitting that he hooked up wires on hook wires on the hands of a detainee who would be electrocuted if he fell off a box and that he forced prisoners to masturbate.

But Frederick also blamed his superiors, telling the court Wednesday that military intelligence officers ordered prisoners to be publicly stripped and degraded.

He testified that he was given no training or support in supervising detainees and only learned of regulations against mistreatment after the abuses occurred between October and December last year. He said that when he brought issues up with his commanders, "they told me to do what I told me to do," referring to military intelligence.

Defense Counsel Gary Myers on Thursday called the sentence "excessive" and said he would seek a reduction.

"Punish him yes. But please try to understand the defense's point of view that there is corporate responsibility," Myers said. "We discovered that he has no abhorrent tendencies."

Army Prosecutor Major Michael Holley told the court it was a simple case of right and wrong. "He's an adult and capable of telling, as we learned, the difference between right and wrong. How much training do you need to make it's wrong to force a man to masturbate?" he said.

"It was wrong about what I did and I shouldn't have done it," Frederick told the judge, Army Col. James Pohl. "I knew it was wrong at the time because I knew it was a form of abuse."

He pleaded guilty to eight counts of conspiracy, dereliction of duty, maltreatment of detainees, assault and committing an incident act.



AP

**U.S. Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Ivan "Chip" Frederick, pictured here in Kuwait in 2003, was sentenced Thursday to eight years in prison for abusing inmates at Abu Ghraib.**

Frederick is one of seven members of the Cresapstown, Md., 372nd Military Police Company charged in the scandal. One, Spc. Jeremy C. Sivits of Hyndman, Pa., is serving a one-year sentence after pleading guilty in May to three counts.

In addition, Spc. Armin Cruz, 24, a military intelligence soldier, was sentenced last month to eight months of confinement, reduction in rank to private, and a bad conduct discharge for his part in the scandal.

## Report: Army told to draw up plans for shorter tours

Stars and Stripes

The acting secretary of the Army has told the service to begin drawing up plans to shorten the 12-month tour lengths of soldiers sent to Iraq and Afghanistan. The New York Times reported Tuesday.

The Oct. 8 memo from Les Brownlee, the acting Army secretary, makes clear that those reductions would not be taken until the insurgency in Iraq diminishes and the capabilities of Iraqi security forces improves, the Times wrote.

"As we continue to develop Iraqi security forces in both size and capabilities, the opportunity presents itself to address both the size of our committed forces and the tour lengths of those soldiers assigned," Brownlee wrote in the memo to Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, the Army chief of staff, the Times reported.

A copy of the memo, which states that "it is important that these plans be available for implementation when the security conditions and the capabilities of the Iraqi security forces might enable us to do so," was provided to the Times by a senior Army official.

Army personnel officers, as well as those representing the Army Reserve and National Guard, say their ability to recruit and retain soldiers will erode unless combat tours are shortened, perhaps to six or nine months.

At the same time, Army war planners have significant concerns that the Army, at its current size and configuration, cannot meet projected requirements for Iraq and Afghanistan unless active-duty and reserve troops spend 12 months on the ground there.

## DOD: Top-priority troops are guaranteed flu shots

BY ROBERT BURNS

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — The Pentagon has received less than one-third of the vaccine it needs, but officials say they are working on a deal for more doses and pledge that all U.S. troops abroad, plus those preparing to go overseas, will get flu shots this fall.

Flu shots usually are mandatory for troops, as a matter of Pentagon policy, but not for the thousands of military dependents and military retirees who are entitled to Pentagon health benefits.

Immunization of troops abroad, particularly those in war zones such as Iraq and Afghanistan or potential areas of conflict such as South Korea, is a high priority because the soldiers' loss to illness would hurt military readiness.

Normally all troops are required to get vaccinated. Those not deployed abroad, however, are a lower priority, so few of them will get flu shots this year, Pentagon officials said Wednesday.

Before Chiron Corp., the Defense Department's main flu vaccine supplier, cut off shipments due to safety concerns, the Pentagon had planned to use 3.7 million doses this flu season.

Earlier this month it reduced that to 2.2 million, and it said Wednesday it expects to achieve that goal.

So far it has received 680,000 doses from its secondary supplier, Aventis Pasteur, which is scheduled to ship another 620,000 doses by the end of November, a Pentagon statement said.

That would still leave the Pentagon about 900,000 doses short of its goal, but it is working on an agreement with Aventis to close that gap.

The Pentagon also is pursuing a contract with the makers of the nasal vaccine FluMist as a backup plan.

"We believe that we're well positioned to fully take care of and respond to the flu vaccination needs of the people who need the vaccine," Dr. William Winkewer, the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said in an interview Wednesday.

He declined to elaborate, saying that later this week the Pentagon plans to announce a plan for flu vaccine distribution.

The Pentagon follows guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in determining which groups are most at risk. Aside from troops, the Pentagon's top priority groups for immunization include military dependents age 6 months to 23 months and military retirees and dependents age 65 and older, as well as all women who will be pregnant during the flu season.

Troops who are not deployed abroad and not performing "critical operational" duties in the United States will not be vaccinated, the Pentagon said.

Of the 680,000 doses of vaccine received so far, about 480,000 doses have been delivered to the military services, mostly for U.S. troops in South Korea and the Central Command region, which includes Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait and Qatar.

## No draft of doctors in the works, Pentagon health officials say

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

**ARLINGTON, Va.** — The Pentagon's leading medical official said the Defense Department has no intention of drafting civilian doctors and medical professionals into the military, even as the Selective Service agency updates its draft contingency plan.

William Winkewer, assistant secretary of defense for Health Affairs, held a press briefing Wednesday to emphatically deny any draft plans, and said any such action "serves no useful purpose."

"There is no need for such a contingency plan," Winkewer said. "The military health system today is ready and capable and has an incredible amount of capacity. The military health system today is working remarkably well, working better than it has ever worked, and it would perform very effectively in the event of a national catastrophic event, even a large one."

The active-duty force has more than 130,000 full-time doctors, nurses, technicians and medics, with "many tens of thousands" more in the reserve component, Winkewer said.

In the hotly contested race for the U.S. presidency, the controversial issue of the draft is repeated often, with both President Bush and Democratic candidate Sen. John Kerry proposing it.

Bush and Defense Secretary Donald

Rumsfeld repeatedly attempt to quash talk of a possible draft, calling it a politically motivated rumor. Kerry has said a draft is a possibility if Bush wins re-election because the force is stretched too thin.

The issue of a draft of medical professionals came about as the Selective Service System updated its plans.

The agency simply was following a 1987 law enacted by Congress to have a plan in place in the event the president, with concurrence of Congress, decides to reinstate

the draft and needed medical personnel to augment the active force, agency spokesman Richard Flahavan said.

The draft is merely a public relations and awareness plan of how the agency should go about informing medical professions, Flahavan said. There is no database of identified personnel and medical professionals do not have to register with the Selective Service.

However, men between 18 and 25 are required by law to register with the agency, or as Flahavan called, "cheap insurance" for the executive and legislative branches to have a database of potential conscripts in the "unlikely" event both branches signed off on a draft.

There are 14.3 million men registered with the Selective Service.

When the nation did have a draft, between 1950 and 1973, about 30,000 medical professionals were drafted into the active force, each serving about 2 years, Flahavan said.

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## IN THE WORLD

## Tokage death toll rises to 63 across Japan

BY KENJI HALL

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan's deadliest storm in more than a decade unleashed flash floods that washed away entire hillsides, killing at least 63 people and leaving 25 missing before it veered east into the Pacific Ocean on Thursday.

Rescue workers and Japanese troops worked around the clock, digging through mud and debris and combing flooded rivers and coastal waters to search for the missing, Japanese media reported.

Authorities said the storm's death toll was the highest since 1988.

"The death toll is likely to keep rising, as we take stock of the damage," National Police Agency spokesman Kojin Chibana said.

Typhoon Tokage blasted across Japan on Wednesday before being downgraded to a tropical storm. Early Thursday, the storm headed east to open seas, its fury spent.

Tsutomu Mukai on the small island of Awaji 29 miles west of Tokyo said a mudslide buried his home and killed his 72-year-old mother.

"We panicked. We had no time to escape," Mukai, 50, told broadcaster TV Asahi. "I called out, 'Mother, are you alive?' but there was no answer."

Television footage showed powerful gusts uprooting huge trees, flash floods submerging cars to their windows and hillsides crumbling away in landslides across southern and central Japan.

By Thursday evening, the death toll had risen to 63, and 25 others were still unaccounted for, the National Police Agency said. Injuries totaled 273.

In large areas of western and southern Japan, neighborhoods and farmlands were still under water Thursday. Also, many public schools remained closed and local train and air transport were disrupted.

Nationwide, more than 23,210 homes were flooded and hundreds of others ripped apart or buried, Fire and Disaster Management Agency spokesman Hideyuki Aoki said. More than 13,000 people were staying at temporary shelters, officials said.

On the southern main island of Shikoku, in Kochi prefecture, waves hit a coastal home, killing a family of three, while a

68-year-old fisherman was swept away and drowned after trying to dock his boat, said prefectural spokesman Masatoshi Iwamoto.

The last time storms killed more people was in September 1988, when 84 died in a nearly continuous two-week spell of typhoons, Fire and Disaster Management Agency spokesman Yoshihiko Nishiwaki said.

The storm forced the cancellation of more than 1,000 flights through Thursday morning, stranding tens of thousands of travelers, media reported.

Thursday morning, including a man and his two children who had spent hours wedged inside their home, beneath mud and trees that had slid down a nearby mountainside in western Hyogo prefecture, public broadcaster NHK said. The man's wife, however, died.

In Kyoto, rescuers on motor boats and in helicopters plucked all 36 passengers and a driver from a tourist bus after floodwaters nearly submerged it early Thursday, police said.

Damages caused by storms and other natural disasters this year were estimated at \$6.72 billion, Finance Minister Sadakazu Tanigaki said Thursday.



ASAHI SHIMBUN/AP

Two men cling to a tree as a rescue worker, left, helps passengers who scrambled onto the roof of their bus after floodwaters stranded the vehicle Thursday in Maizuru, Japan, in the wake of Typhoon Tokage. Sixty-three people have died so far, making Tokage the deadliest storm to hit Japan since 1988. A National Police Agency spokesman said Thursday that the death toll likely will rise.

## China: Let's talk Taiwan

BEIJING — Taiwan will top the agenda when U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell visits Beijing, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said Thursday, calling for Washington to end arms sales to the self-ruled island.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue said: "The Taiwan question is the most important and the most sensitive question in bilateral relations between China and the U.S."

Zhang said China wants Washington to "stop any kind of official contact with Taiwan (and) stop its arms sales to Taiwan."

## Capital to stay in Seoul

SEOUL — The Constitutional Court delivered a major blow to South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun on Thursday by virtually shutting his high-profile plan to relocate the national capital away

from Seoul, out of range of North Korean artillery.

The court said the government must win popular approval for a relocation with a national referendum or revise the constitution to designate a new capital.

## Mine blast kills 60

BEIJING — A gas blast tore through a Chinese coal mine, killing at least 60 people in the country's deadliest mine accident this year, the government said Thursday. Officials reported that another 88 were missing and chances of finding them alive were slim.

Some 446 people were at work in the Daping Mine at the time of the explosion and 298 escaped alive, officials said.

## Terror suspect arrested

MANILA, Philippines — A key suspect in terror attacks that killed 42 people last year and who allegedly planned to bomb the U.S. Em-

bassy here has been arrested with two associates, a senior military official said Thursday.

Abdul Manap Mentang was arrested Oct. 6, said Deputy Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Edilberto Adan. He said Mentang headed a terrorist cell that set off a bomb outside Davao airport terminal in March 2003, killing 23 people, and planted a bomb a month later outside the southern city's busy Sasa Wharf that killed 19.

## Castro injured in fall

HAVANA — Cuban President Fidel Castro tripped and fell after leaving the stage at a graduation ceremony, fracturing a knee and an arm but later returning to say that he was "all in one piece."

A medical examination early Thursday confirmed that Castro suffered a broken left leg and a hairline fracture in his upper right arm, said an official notice read on state television.

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# Human Rights Watch pushes Russia to combat army hazing

BY MARIA DANILOVA  
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Human Rights Watch urged Russian authorities on Wednesday to take action against the vicious hazing that plagues the nation's military, saying the abuse that kills dozens of conscripts every year and traumatizes thousands more can be prevented.

In an 86-page report, the U.S.-based group said first-year conscripts are subjected to pervasive humiliation, battery and harassment by their seniors, which drives hundreds to commit suicide and thousands of others to flee their military units.

"This is a very big human rights problem — one of the biggest that Russia has," said Diederik Lehman, a senior researcher for Human Rights Watch.

Hazing practices involve making new conscripts perform endless tasks — buying alcohol, shining boots, making beds or obtaining money for senior soldiers. It also involves physical abuse, usually by drunken soldiers, such as beatings with stools or iron rods and sometimes even sexual harassment.

The Defense Ministry won't comment until it has read the report, a spokesman said.

Alexei, a recently drafted conscript who declined to give his last name, ran away from the army after senior soldiers poured what appeared to be an acid-based liquid on his face after he refused to obtain about \$275 for them.

"While I was asleep, they poured acid or something on my face, and you see what happened," he told Associated Press Television News, his face covered with red spots.

"The next day, they left a note saying, 'If you don't want the rest of your face burned, call your parents.'" Alexei said.

Soldier Alexander Sukhanov said a sergeant sat on him in the middle of the night and extinguished cigarettes on his back.

In a 1998 amateur video, obtained by APTN from the Sovvershenno Sekretno production company, senior conscripts are shown violently beating a younger soldier, who offers no resistance and only grimaces in pain.

In another scene, younger conscripts stand lined up, while an older soldier walks by and kicks and punches one after another in their stomachs. Again, the younger conscripts show no resistance, and only take deep breaths when their turn comes to receive the blow.

In the first half of this year, 25 soldiers died as a result of hazing by older conscripts and 12 others died from excess force used by their officers, according to Russia's chief military prosecutor, Alexander Savchenko. During the same period, 109 committed suicide, 60 of them as a result of hazing, he said.

Experts say, however, that the actual number of deaths is higher, since official statistics account only for cases that reach the courts.

Russia's main military prosecutor's office said Thursday that a Human Rights Watch report was wrong to characterize hazing in the Russian military as widespread and said Russia had already made serious efforts to combat the problem.

The prosecutor's office said that interviews with 100 conscripts from 50 units "could hardly reflect an objective picture." It said that no hazing crimes had been registered in 80 percent of the units.



AP

Tourists go through a sandstorm at the Taj Mahal in Agra, India, on Tuesday. The local government has ordered an urgent investigation after reports that one of the four minarets of the 17th-century Taj Mahal, India's famed moment to love, has tilted slightly.

## Slight tilt reported at India's Taj Mahal

BY KULSUM MUSTAFA  
The Associated Press

LUCKNOW, India — An Indian state government ordered an urgent investigation Wednesday after reports that one of the four minarets of the 17th century Taj Mahal — the country's famed monument to love — has tilted slightly.

Mohammed Azam Khan, urban development minister of the northern Uttar Pradesh state, said a panel of government experts has been asked to report

within a week on whether a tower had leaned outward by 8.5 inches.

India is celebrating the Taj Mahal's 350th anniversary this year. Yearlong celebrations started Sept. 27 in Agra, the city in Uttar Pradesh where the major tourist attraction is located.

Khan said the state's top elected official, Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav, had ordered the inquiry, which will be conducted by officials from the federal Archaeological Survey of India and the state government's public works, water, culture and construction departments.

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# Candidates push hard in northern states

## Bush makes Pennsylvania his home away from home

BY LARA JAKES JORDAN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — His White House away from the White House as is likely this year to be in Pennsylvania as Texas, but President Bush doesn't mind. With his re-election campaign winding down, the rancher-president thinks fence-mending is more urgent up north.

The Republican, who has dubbed his Crawford, Texas, ranch the "Western White House," makes his 40th and 41st trips to Pennsylvania when he visits Downingtown, Hershey and Wilkes-Barre leading into the weekend.

In comparison, Bush has visited his Crawford home 40 times since 2001, according to the White House travel office. He returns to Texas on Saturday for his 41st visit since taking office.

"Maybe he's trying to claim Pennsylvania residency to vote," quipped presidential scholar Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania.

Bush's challenger in the Nov. 2 election, Democrat John Kerry, made his 21st political visit to Pennsylvania on Wednesday for a Pittsburgh rally. His wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, has a house in suburban Pittsburgh, where they often stay.

Bush has visited Pennsylvania — which has 21 electoral votes, the fifth-largest amount — more than any other state. He narrowly lost there in 2000.

Because the real White House is relatively close, Bush rarely stays overnight in the state.

Jamieson said his travels won't directly deliver him more votes, but the trips have helped increase his visibility in Pennsylvania while energizing campaign workers who are trying to win over voters.

"People are the equivalent of money in politics," she said.

Bush campaign spokesman Kevin Mad-



President Bush signs the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act on Thursday in the Roosevelt Room at the White House as Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., left, Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., center, and Sharon Smith look on. The act deals with youth suicide early intervention and prevention.

den said the trips reflect the president's interest in the state — and its voters.

"Pennsylvania has seen plenty of presidential footsteps around the state, and I think it's fair to say we will see plenty of visits right up until November 2," Madden said.

Kerry spokesman Mark Nevins said that for all of Bush's attention, Pennsylvanians "don't have much to show for it."

"We will have fewer jobs on his 41st visit than we did on his first, fewer people will have health care coverage on his 41st visit than on his first," Nevins said. "Pennsylvania is headed in the wrong direction, and people are ready for a change, and 41 visits isn't going to change that."

## Kerry takes aim at voters, geese in key state of Ohio

BY NEDRA PICKLER  
The Associated Press

BOARDMAN, Ohio — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry said he bagged a goose on his swing-state hunting trip Thursday, but his real target was the voters who may harbor doubts about him.

Kerry returned after a two-hour hunting trip wearing a camouflage jacket and carrying a 12-gauge shotgun, but someone else carried the bird he said he shot.

"I'm too lazy," Kerry joked. "I'm still giddy over the Red Sox. It was hard to focus."

The Massachusetts senator was referring to Boston's American League championship Wednesday night. He stayed up late cheering his hometown team onto victory, then got up for a 7 a.m. hunting trip at a supporter's produce farm.

Kerry adviser Mike McCurry said it's important in the final days of the campaign that voters "get a better sense of John Kerry, the guy."

That means the Democratic candidate is spending some of the dwindling time before Election Day hunting, talking about his faith and watching his beloved Red Sox.

It's all part of an effort to win over swing voters who may be open to voting against President Bush but aren't sure they feel any connection with Kerry.

While the Democrat campaigns as an all-American, his political opponents are trying to leave voters with a different impression.

Bush tells voters that Kerry is on the "left bank" of society, opposing a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage. Kerry does not support gay marriage but says the matter is for states to decide, and he favors civil unions for same-sex couples.

The National Rifle Association said it bought a full-page ad in Thursday's Youngstown newspaper that says Kerry is posing as a sportsman while opposing gun-owners' rights. Kerry has denied NRA claims that he wants to "take away" guns, but he supported the ban on assault-type weapons and requiring background checks at gun shows "if John Kerry thinks the Second



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry returns from a goose hunting trip Thursday with Rep. Ted Strickland, D-Ohio, in Poland, Ohio.

Amendment is about photo ops, he's Duffy," says the ad the NRA said would run in The Vincindicator.

Meanwhile, labor unions have been circulating fliers among workers that say Kerry won't take away guns. Kerry's aides said he spent about two hours hunting at a blind set up in a cornfield. More than two dozen journalists were invited to the farm outside of Youngstown to see Kerry emerge from the field, but none witnessed Kerry taking any shots.

The last time Kerry went hunting was October 2003 in Iowa, a state where he was trailing in the Democratic primary but came from behind to win.

Hunting is of particular interest in several of the states that are still up for grabs in the presidential race. Kerry bought his hunting license last Saturday in one of the most critical — Ohio, which has 20 electoral votes.

## Laura Bush: No need for job comment apology

BY BEVERLEY WANG  
The Associated Press

NEW LONDON, N.H. — Laura Bush said Thursday that Teresa Heinz Kerry didn't need to apologize for saying she didn't remember whether the first lady had ever had "a real job."

"She apologized but she didn't even really need to apologize," Laura Bush told reporters at a coffee shop before attending a rally for President Bush. "I know how tough it is and actually I know those trick questions."

USA Today had asked Heinz Kerry, the wife of Democratic candidate John Kerry, if she would be different from Laura Bush as a first lady.

"Well, you know, I don't know Laura Bush. But she seems to be calm, and she has a sparkle in her eye, which is good," Heinz Kerry said in the interview published Wednesday. "But I don't know that she's ever had a real job — I mean, since she's been grown up."

So her experience and her validation comes from important things, but different things."

Heinz Kerry later said she had forgotten that Mrs. Bush had worked as a teacher and librarian.

"There couldn't be a more important job than teaching our children," she said in a statement. "As someone who has been both a full-time mom and full-time in work force, I know we all have valuable experiences that shape who we are. I appreciate and honor Mrs. Bush's service to the country as first lady and am sincerely sorry I had not remembered her important work in the past."

Bush adviser Karen Hughes later criticized Heinz Kerry twice — first, "I know we all have valuable experiences that shape who we are. I appreciate and honor Mrs. Bush's service to the country as first lady and am sincerely sorry I had not remembered her important work in the past."

for remarks "indicative of an unfortunate mind-set that seeks to divide women based on who works at home and who works outside the home" and later for an apology she called "worse" because she left out the very important real job of a mother.



Laura Bush

## Pentagon Web site offers write-in ballot

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon will post on its Web site a federal write-in ballot for civilian and military voters overseas who do not get their regular absentee ballot in time, a spokesman said Wednesday.

Spoikesman Lt. Col. Joe Richards said the ballot was being made available on the Web site for the first time at the request of both the Republican and Democratic parties. He said it was expected to be posted by Thursday.

The ballot can be downloaded onto the voter's computer, then must be printed, filled out and mailed to the voter's local election office. To qualify for the write-in ballot, the voter must have applied for a regular absentee ballot early enough that the request was received by the local election office at least 30 days before the election.

Local election offices in some states missed the deadline of Sept. 19 for sending out absentee ballots to ensure their timely return from overseas locales where mail service sometimes is slow.

## Reeve's widow expected to attend Kerry speech

GIRARD, Ohio — Christopher Reeve's widow, Dana, plans to join Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry for a campaign speech about the importance of science, research and innovation.

Reeve supports Kerry's intention to expand federally funded embryonic stem cell research. The campaign said she approached the Massachusetts senator about making what probably will be her only campaign appearance, a speech Thursday in Columbus, Ohio.

Kerry knew the "Superman" actor for about 15 years through family and activist connections. Reeve left him a long telephone message the day before he died, thanking him for campaigning on behalf of medical research.

From The Associated Press



# Study: Beer bellies take toll on sperm count

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Beer bellies may take a toll on men below the belt, not just around it.

Men who weigh too much are more likely to have poor sperm quality, research on nearly 1,600 young Danish men has found. Being too thin is a problem, too.

Women don't get off the hook. Though it's long been known that very overweight women have trouble conceiving naturally, a large new study confirms they also are less likely to become pregnant even when embryos are fertilized in lab dishes and placed in their wombs.

Among the severely obese, we saw significantly reduced implantation and pregnancy rates," said Dr. David Ryley of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. He presented results of the women's

## Research links weight, reproduction

study this week at a meeting of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine.

The sperm study was done by doctors at various hospitals and universities in Denmark and published in the October issue of the reproductive society's journal, *Fertility and Sterility*.

It involved 1,558 men, average age 19, who volunteered to give a semen sample during mandatory exams to determine their fitness for military service in two cities, Amsterdam and Aalborg.

Sperm counts, sperm concentration, semen volume and other measures of sperm quality such as shape and motility were measured, along with testicle size and hormone levels. Researchers also calculated each man's body mass index, a measure of obesity that takes into account height and weight.

Scores for men with healthy BMIs — between 20 and 25, or 139 to 174 pounds for a man who is 5-foot-10 — were compared to those of men above and below that range.

Sperm counts and sperm concentration were 28.1 percent and 36.4 percent lower respectively in overweight men. The same measures were 21.6 percent and 23.9 percent lower respectively in overweight men.

Why this may be happening is unclear. "Low BMI can result from a 'healthy lifestyle' but may also be due to many chronic diseases," the authors wrote.

The biological explanation or mechanism also may be different in overweight and overweight men, they note.

"It may be an alteration in hormonal values," said Dr. Anthony J. Thomas Jr., a

Cleveland Clinic urologist who is president of the Society for Male Reproduction and Urology and was not involved in the study.

Men produce and need a certain amount of the female hormone estrogen. Fat cells produce estrogen, so too much or too little of it may be a problem.

"There's a balance, and that balance is the milieu in which sperm develops," Anthony said.

Other research suggests that smoking and heavy alcohol use also harm sperm production, he said. The new study is a reminder that doctors should always check a man for signs of infertility when couples are having trouble getting pregnant, because the problem is just as likely to involve men as women.

"It's not uncommon for a man to come in after his wife has had a million tests" and then be discovered to have sperm problems, Thomas said. "It's probably one of the first things a doctor should do."

## Gay bishop regrets Anglican dissension But is not sorry he was elected

BY RACHEL ZOLL

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The first openly gay Episcopal bishop said Wednesday that he regretted that his groundbreaking elevation to the church leadership created turmoil in the Anglican Communion, but he said he was not personally responsible for the rift and was not sorry he was elected.

Bishop V. Gene Robinson made the comments in an Associated Press interview two days after an Anglican commission said the U.S. Episcopal Church should apologize for consecrating him without consulting more with other Anglicans, many of whom believe the Bible bans gay sex.

"We regret how difficult this made things in many parts of the Communion," said Robinson,

who leads the Diocese of New Hampshire.

"Certainly, I do not regret that my becoming a bishop has been a real blessing to me and my diocese. I don't think any of us regret the decision that we made."

The commission also asked for a moratorium on electing non-celibate gays as bishop, while leaders of the global fellowship of churches spend the next several months studying how they can remain unified.

Robinson, who lives with his longtime partner, said he anticipated many gay clergy would not seek to become bishops for now, but he did not think they should be required to withdraw from consideration.

"If they feel called, I think they should put their names forward," he said. "I had hoped not to be sitting in the hot seat all alone."



**Episcopal Bishop V. Gene Robinson, a gay bishop at the center of the debate over homosexuality that has riven the global Anglican Communion, said Tuesday that he was sorry conservatives were upset by his consecration, but said he had no regrets about his groundbreaking elevation to church leadership.**

## 3 dead as storm dumps rain, snow on Calif., Nevada

BY ROBERT JABLON

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A fierce storm swept through Southern California and Nevada, dumping almost a foot of rain in some areas, 3 feet of snow in others, and pushing mud near fire-scarred mountain hamlets.

Two climbers and a security guard were killed in the mess Wednesday.

Roadways were drenched, and two pipelines that send gasoline and jet fuel to Phoenix and Las Vegas were shut down before the storm moved southeast into Imperial County and Mexico's Baja California on Wednesday.

In Nevada, Reno reported snow and more than an inch of rain — one-eighth of its annual average

— and 3 feet of snow came down on parts of the high Sierra, snarling traffic but boosting skiers' spirits.

Interstate 15, the main highway between Los Angeles and Las Vegas, was shut down for hours after at least 27 vehicles collided in dense fog in the Cajon Pass in San Bernardino County. No major injuries were reported.

Residents of 150 mobile homes were stranded overnight until a bulldozer showed up to move 3 feet of mud from a road in the Newhall area, not far from foothills that burned in a summer wildfire.

"It was a flash flood, really," county fire Capt. Mark Savage told KABC-TV. "All the water that came from the burn area ... all that water had no place to go."

Floodwaters also gushed

across highways carrying tons of mud in the San Bernardino Mountains, where hundreds of thousands of acres of forest land burned last fall. Falling trees near Crestline took down power lines and fell into two homes, and rushing water made roads impassable near Lytle Creek.

Two Japanese climbers were found dead in Yosemite National Park.

In the Angeles National Forest, the body of a 19-year-old security guard was discovered after his truck slipped into a wash while he was on patrol.

In the central Sierra, rescuers struggled against 50 mph wind through 4-foot-deep snow as they searched for several missing hikers, including four from a Santa Cruz County winemaking family who vanished Sunday.

## 'The Daily Show' book too racy for Wal-Mart

BY AVA THOMAS BENSON

The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Wal-Mart canceled an order for a best-selling book by Jon Stewart and the writers of "The Daily Show" after executives feared that it contained a photo of nine naked, aged bodies, each with the superimposed head of a Supreme Court justice.

"America (The Book)," a mock school text that lampoons the American government in much the same way the Comedy Central show spoofs the news, includes cutouts of the justices' robes and a caption asking readers to "restore their dignity by matching each justice with his or her respective robe."

Wal-Mart executives deemed the book inappropriate for its shelves.

"We were not aware of the image that was in the book (when Wal-Mart ordered it) and we felt the majority of our customers would not be comfortable with

it," said Wal-Mart Stores Inc. spokeswoman Karen Burk. "We offer what we think our customers want to buy. That just makes good business sense."

Jamie Raab, a publisher for Warner Books, which produced "America," said the naked justice joke fits perfectly with the book's theme.

"It's not gratuitous and it's very much in tune with the rest of the book," Raab said. "It's funny, yet to the point. When you undress the Supreme Court justices, they're just men and women and you have to judge them on who they are and what they do. It makes you look and think and laugh."

Wal-Mart has a well-known policy of refusing to carry magazines with racy covers or CDs with explicit lyrics.

The chain is offering the book on its Web site. Burk said the store's online customers are a "different audience" and that the company wanted to give an option to people looking to buy the book from Wal-Mart.



**Flood waters, debris and mud trap a car off Lytle Creek Road on Wednesday in Lytle Creek, Calif. California's first major storm of the season poured heavy rains across the area setting off mudslides up to 4 feet deep and dumped snow at higher elevations.**



# Experts cut gene count in humans

BY MALCOLM RITTER  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In a blow to human vanity, researchers now say that people have about the same number of genes as a small flowering plant or a tiny worm. The new estimate is down sharply from just three years ago.

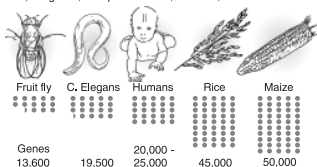
"We (humans) don't look very impressive in the competition," said Dr. Francis Collins, co-author of the new analysis by the international group that decoded the human genome.

The new estimate is 20,000 to 25,000 genes, a drop from the 30,000 to 40,000 the same group of scientists published in 2001.

By comparison, C. elegans, a worm that is a favorite research subject, has around 19,500 genes. Another lab favorite, a plant in the mustard family called Arabidopsis, has about 27,000.

## Humans have fewer genes

In Thursday's issue of the journal Nature, researchers who decoded the human genome concluded that people have only 20,000 to 25,000 genes, a drop from the 30,000 to 40,000 estimated in 2001.



SOURCE: Nature

But the complexity of the human body arises from more than just its genetic parts list, experts said.

"It's not just the number of genes that matters," said another co-author, Eric Lander of the Broad Institute in Cambridge, Mass. "It really is how nature uses these genes."

The new estimate is reported in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature by the International Human Genome Sequencing Consortium, which had determined the sequence of nearly all of the 3

billion-plus chemical building blocks that make up the human DNA code.

When the consortium produced its 2001 gene count estimate, it still had many gaps in the DNA sequence it had determined. Now the scientists have closed those gaps as much as they can with current technology.

The finished version reveals that many DNA sequences originally counted as genes were actually non-functioning copies of real genes and that sometimes parts of the same gene were counted as two genes, Lander said.

# Study: Birth control pills good for health

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE  
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Women on the birth control pill had surprisingly lower risks of heart disease and stroke and no increased risk of breast cancer, according to the largest women's health study ever done.

The findings by the Women's Health Initiative, the biggest study on oral contraceptives, are contrary to what many previous studies have found. Results from nearly 162,000 participants were presented Wednesday at an American Society for Reproductive Medicine conference.

The same federal study that led millions of women to abandon use of hormones

after menopause now provides reassurance that the pill is safe. Doctors say the type of hormones and the stage of life when they're used may be what makes them helpful at one point and harmful at another.

"We're still learning more and more about the biology," said one of the researchers, Dr. Michael Diamond of Wayne State University in Detroit.

About 16 million American women currently take birth control pills and hundreds of millions have used them since the first one came on the market in 1960. Most combine synthetic forms of estrogen and progesterin in various doses.

Women taking these hormones after menopause were more likely to have heart disease and certain cancers — a finding that prompted part of this study to be stopped in 2002.

Previous research on oral contraceptives suggested that they, too, raised the chances of heart disease. But the new study found the opposite — lower risk of heart attacks, strokes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure and other heart-related problems among

the 67,000 women in the study who had ever taken the pill.

Overall, "there's an 8 percent risk reduction of ever having cardiovascular disease" among women who had ever taken birth control pills, said the lead researcher, Dr. Rabi Victor of Wayne State. "If you use oral contraceptives early on, you're probably going to be protected later in life."

Women on the pill also had a 7 percent lower risk of developing any form of cancer — a small benefit that increased with length of use, Victor said. For example, women who took birth control pills for four years or more had 42 percent lower risk of ovarian cancer and 30 percent lower chances of developing uterine cancer.

No effect was seen on the risk of some specific cancers — breast, colon or bladder. But that was good news because of the previous work suggesting pill use made breast cancer more likely.

Studies in animals suggest that estrogen may reduce inflammation in the bloodstream and help prevent deposits from forming and blocking vessels, Victor said. But that was seen in animals whose estrogen levels were relatively constant for a long time — not the situation of women whose estrogen declines before menopause.

"Those women went for a prolonged period of time without estrogen and then were re-exposed to estrogen" when they took so-called hormone replacement therapy after menopause, Victor said.

"By that time, they may already have atherosclerotic plaque in their arteries," Diamond added. "At that time, estrogen may aggravate the disease."

Dr. Robert Rebar, a gynecologist who is executive director of the reproductive medicine group, said the type of hormone may make a difference, too.

**"If you use oral contraceptives early on, you're probably going to be protected later in life."**

**Dr. Rabi Victor**  
Lead researcher on Women's Health Initiative study

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# Company offers out-of-this-world memorial

BY AMBER MCCOWELL

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — "Boldly going where no man has gone before" takes on a new meaning at Space Services Inc., a company offering "space memorial services" for people interested in an out-of-this-world post-death experience.

For \$995, Space Services will place a gram of a person's ashes in an aluminum capsule — about the size of four dimes stacked together — attach it to a rocket and blast it into space. For \$4,300 more, seven grams of ashes are transported in a lipstick-size container.

The most famous client of Space Services' "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry, who orbited Earth for six years after his death in 1991.

"It's very compelling for people ... and we've helped open a new frontier," said Charlie Chaffer, chief executive of the Houston-based firm. Space Services was among



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**Houston-based Space Services CEO Charles Chaffer shows off a small vial that is used to carry cremated human remains into space. Chaffer was in Nashville, Tenn., on Monday for the National Funeral Directors Association Convention & Expo.**

some 440 companies offering their services in Nashville on Tuesday at the annual National Funeral Directors Association Convention, which included booths hawking everything from caskets and hearses

to burial gowns and "comfort music" that promotes "growing through grief."

Space Services conducted its first "space funeral flight" in 1997 with Roddenberry's ashes

and those of 23 participants from all walks of life, including a 6-year-old Japanese boy, a restaurateur from New York and a couple of former NASA scientists.

In each flight, Chaffer and his eight-person team place the ash-filled capsules in a tube and attach them inside a rocket scheduled to send a satellite into space. Once in orbit, the satellite peels off from the rocket's "last stage," which continues to circle the earth with the capsules inside.

"We basically hitchhike," said Chaffer, who buys unneeded space from companies that use the crafts to launch satellites — typically at a cost of \$30,000 a trip.

The capsules normally stay in orbit between 10 and several hundred years before falling and "vaporizing like a shooting star," Chaffer said.

Chaffer says he's seen an upswing in business as cremation has increased in popularity across the country and abroad. In 2002, about 28 percent of Americans chose cremation over tradi-

tional burial, and that number is expected to grow to almost 43 percent by 2025, according to the Cremation Association of North America.

Eternal Ascent Society, a Crystal River, Fla.-based exhibitor at the convention, also was looking to capitalize on that growth.

For \$11,000, the company fills a 5-foot-wide helium balloon with about a pound of ash, which family members release into the air during a special ceremony, said George Hampton, whose mother and stepfather founded the company.

Across the way from Eternal Ascent's booth, an Illinois-based company was using science to turn carbon from the cremation process into diamonds for the family of the deceased.

The jewelry, which comes in either gold or blue, gives the family a way to "keep their loved one with them," said Rusty Vandenberg, chief operating officer for LifeGem.

"People find it a comfort," he said. "A new way to celebrate the life of a loved one."

## Museum to display shuttle

BY CANDACE SMITH

The Associated Press

CHANTILLY, Va. — The Smithsonian is about to take the wraps off a new hangar where visitors can get close to a space shuttle.

Come Nov. 1, visitors to the National Air and Space Museum's Northern Virginia branch will be able to see the space shuttle Enterprise, the museum's second-largest artifact after the Concorde. Curators added more than 600 other space finds to the new wing, including rockets, satellites and 1960s space capsules used by astronauts.

"I get excited about this because to me it shows that if you really put your mind to something you can accomplish things that seem to be outrageous," Paul E. Ceruzzi, space history curator, said at a media preview of the hangar Wednesday.

Since opening in December, the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center — some 25 miles west of Washington, D.C. — has attracted 1.6 million visitors. The exhibits include the Enola Gay, which dropped the atomic

bomb on Hiroshima. But they couldn't walk through the 53,000 square-foot hangar because workers were scrubbing the grimy shuttle that had been in storage for nearly two decades.

"If you leave something in your garage for 17 years, it's not going to look that great when you go and pick it up, so it took a lot of cleaning, a lot of elbow grease," said Gen. John R. Dailey, museum director.

The Enterprise flew five missions but never into space. It was used to test ideas and designs during the development of NASA's shuttle program.

"This is the closest you can ever get to a real space shuttle, and you can see it from every angle," said Valerie Neal, space shuttle curator, standing next to the 112 foot long spacecraft.

But visitors cannot go inside the shuttle, which NASA stripped clean. The space agency also borrowed the front wing panels and the hardware that holds them for its investigation into the disintegration of space shuttle Columbia on Feb. 1, 2003, that killed the seven astronauts.



**The space shuttle Enterprise dominates the James S. McDonnell Space Hangar at the Smithsonian's Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va., near Dulles International Airport outside Washington. Besides rockets and space capsules, the collection covers the astronaut experience in space exploration from Project Mercury through the shuttle flights of today with many examples of spacesuits, space food and other artifacts.**

## Violent planet-forming common throughout Milky Way

BY KEAY DAVIDSON

San Francisco Chronicle

Across our galaxy, the formation of planetary systems is typically a "big mess" — a violent, slam-bang process in which dust balls grow into mountainous asteroids that hurtle about like pinballs, repeatedly smashing each other to bits, scientists say.

Astronomers have long wondered whether planetary systems form by a slow, peaceful process or a violent, chaotic one. In the 18th century, the philosopher Immanuel Kant proposed that planets like Earth quietly, steadily accreted over eons from a vast cloud of dust.

In the late 19th and early 20th

centuries, though, some scientists suggested that planet formation was a more random, violent process, at least in our solar system. Their suggestion was reinforced by evidence that almost all of the moon's huge craters were gouged out by falling meteors and asteroids, not by volcanic eruptions as previously assumed.

Now astronomers have the first clear evidence that this violent planet-forming process isn't unique to our solar system. Rather, it's common throughout our neighborhood of the Milky Way.

A planet attains its status not via a stately evolution from dust ball to planetary scale, but rather, by surviving a gauntlet of cata-

clysms, especially over its first billion years of life, scientists reported Monday based on their observations made with NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope, launched in August 2003. Earth is almost 5 billion years old.

Their key evidence is images of "surprisingly large" ring-shaped dust clouds that orbit 71 stars up to 500 light years from Earth. (A light year is 6 trillion miles.) "The only way to produce as much dust as we are seeing in these older stars is through huge collisions" of asteroid-like "planetesimals," said George Rieke, a University of Arizona at Tucson scientist with the Spitzer team.

In the scientists' view, their findings show that other plan-

etary systems have grown just as ours did. Typically, they believe, the little dust globules grow and grow and grow — like "the dust bunnies under your bed." As Spitzer team scientist Scott Kenyon said — into rocky planetesimals that career around the planetary system. Sometimes they collide slowly enough to form larger bodies, while other times, they smash together so fast that they partly or totally obliterate each other. Gradually, the system settles down enough for large planets to form and remain stable for billions of years. That's fortunate for us, because otherwise, Earth probably wouldn't have been stable long enough for life to emerge.

"These violent collisions are really common in the formation of planets around other stars," said Kenyon, a senior scientist at Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Mass., and a member of the Spitzer telescope team.

The discovery was described in a NASA news release headlined "Astronomers discover planet building is a big mess."

And the violence hasn't quite ended, either, even in our own solar system. Research elsewhere indicates that in the last 10 million years — a blink of an eye in cosmic history — a collision broke up an asteroid roughly 40 to 50 miles wide, Rieke said. Its debris still pervades our solar system.



Hendrick Hertzberg, political writer for *The New Yorker* magazine, says 2004 is the first year in which books have been published specifically for the presidential election.

# Political books thrive during 2004 election

*Editor's note: Arts and entertainment have long converged with politics. But this year, something different is in the air — and on movie screens, in bookstores, on the radio, and everywhere else media is consumed.*

*This is the fifth part of a six-part series.*

BY HILLEL ITALIE  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — For those who follow politics, especially those who oppose President Bush, books have never seemed so essential.

According to R.R. Bowker, which compiles publishing statistics, 972 books on U.S. politics and government have come out, or are scheduled to come out, this election year. That's more than double the 400 released in 1992, when Bill Clinton defeated the first President Bush, and well above the 783 that were published in 2000.

The numbers are unprecedented, so is the impact. Insider accounts such as Ron Suskind's "The Price of Loyalty" and Richard Clarke's "Against All Enemies" helped shape public perception of the Bush administration's war against terrorism. "Unfit for Command," by John O'Neill and Jerome Corsi, proved a best-selling complement to the anti-John Kerry TV commercials sponsored by the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth.

Why so many books? And why do they matter? The AP spoke recently about political books, both current and past, with Hendrik Hertzberg, a senior editor at *The New Yorker* who has been covering presidential campaigns since 1964 and has a recently published anthology of his work: "Politics: Observations & Arguments, 1966-2004."

Why have books been so much more important to the election this year than they have in the past? I think it's partly that this is the first time that the entire government has been under the control of conservatives, not just the presidency but both houses of Congress and the Supreme Court.

Another factor is because of 9/11, the mainstream press shied away from tough coverage of the administration during a crucial period. So book writers charged into the vacuum. And the kind of people writing these books, on the whole, tend to be unsympathetic to the policies of the Bush administration.

Do you recall any previous election when books were so important?

Not that I remember. Books centered around the election and published for the election? No, this is something new.

Bush is hardly the first president to be considered divisive. Similar things were said about Nixon and Reagan. Why didn't they inspire as many books?

There were a lot of books about Nixon and Reagan, and at the time we might have said it was an unprecedented outpouring.

But Nixon, for example, was president during a period when there was a lot of sympathy for reform of one kind or another and Nixon was involved in that. Agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency and OSHA (the Occupational Safety and Health Administration) were founded

while Nixon was president.

The opposition to Bush is across the board: abortion, the environment, taxes, fiscal policy, civil liberties. The passionate opposition to Nixon was in the context of the Vietnam War, much more than domestic policy. And Vietnam was an issue that

divided the Democratic Party as well.

This year, we've had books that really affected the way people see the candidates.

Have there been books in previous years that did the same?

A: In 1960, you had Arthur Schlesinger's book, "Kennedy or Nixon: Does It Make a Difference?" A lot of liberal Democrats were unenthusiastic about Kennedy ... for various reasons. And the Republican Party was dominated by moderates, Eisenhower Republicans.

So Schlesinger (a Kennedy supporter and leading liberal) felt he had to make the case that there was a real difference. The book became important among a relatively narrow segment of the public, but that election was extremely close, so close that virtually any factor could claim to be the decisive one.

What about Al Gore's "Earth in the Balance," a best seller in the '92 campaign (when Gore was Bill Clinton's running mate)?

It probably helped get him on the ticket. And it established the environmental credentials of the Democratic ticket. It had an impact, and it was also an attack point for the Republicans. They mined that book for quotes that they could make fun of, especially during the 2000 election.

There was a time when insider books like Ron Suskind's "The Price of Loyalty" (a collaboration with former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill), would have never come out until after the president had left office. It was considered bad taste. Why has that changed?

A: This is partly a matter of market economics, the lucrative book deal is a relatively recent phenomenon. You had a bubbling of it during the Clinton impeachment — when everybody wanted a book deal.

And I think a lot of information in the books we've been talking about might have come out in magazine or newspaper stories if they hadn't been held back to add to the value of books. A lot of the stuff in Bob Woodward's book ("Plan of Attack") could have been front-page news if it had been dribbled out over time.

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# There she goes: ABC drops pageant

BY JOHN CURRAN  
The Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — ABC has dropped Miss America, leaving the famous beauty pageant without a TV outlet for the first time in 50 years.

The network, which had carried the annual telecast since 1997 with a series of one-year contracts, notified Miss America Organization officials that they will not pick up the option this year, the pageant's acting president and CEO, Arthur McMaster, said Wednesday. "We are now free to pursue other parties who have expressed interest in our organization, and we are excited at the limitless opportunities that are now available for us to grow our brand," he said.

The move, which comes after the Sept. 18 pageant drew a record low 9.8 million viewers, could jeopardize the foundation of a program that grew from an Atlantic City publicity stunt into a highly rated TV staple, largely on the strength of the contest and crowning beamed into millions of living rooms each September.

Since Lee Meriwether was crowned on Sept. 11, 1954, in the first televised pageant, Miss America has grown into a nonprofit corporation that makes available more than \$40 million annually in scholarship aid and overseas \$2 local pageants.

But the pageant's appeal to potential contestants, sponsors and fans hinges on the annual TV show, a live event whose glittery gowns, hokey talent acts and girl-next-door crownings fueled the fantasies of little girls for years.

Without network television to provide those images, Miss America faces an uncertain future.



Miss America 2004 Erica Dunlap, left, crowns Miss America 2005, Deldre Downs, during the pageant in Atlantic City, N.J., on Sept. 18.

ABC, which took over Miss America after 30-year sponsor NBC lost interest in 1996, has had rocky relations with Miss America officials in recent years, in part because of sinking ratings.

McMaster, who had pressed the network to

move Miss America to a weeknight and televise some part of its three nights of preliminary competition, said the pageant was happy to part ways with ABC.

"There's already been companies that have contacted us and expressed an interest," he said. "This thing's been around for 84 years and it'll be around for another 84. I'm not going to say I'm not worried, but I think there's much more out there."

The loss of its network sponsor deals the Miss America Organization a financial blow, too. In 2003, ABC paid \$5.6 million for the rights to televise it.

Pageant officials believe that on a weeknight, Miss America would draw more viewers and reach young people more likely to be out than watching television on Saturday nights, when the contest airs.

"I don't think it'll be a problem for a cable network to pick it up. There's a lot of niche networks that would pick it up because it's such a familiar brand," said Brad Adgate, senior vice president of research for Horizon Media, a media services company.

Shari Anne Brill, director of programming for ad-buying firm Carat, said a women-oriented network like Lifetime or Oxygen might want Miss America, but the pageant will still be hard-pressed to compete with reality TV shows.

"It used to be that these pageants were much bigger events, because that's all there was. Now, you have 'The Swan,' 'America's Top Model' and all these reality competitions going on. With those type of shows, the viewer has more of a chance to connect than watching someone from some state in a sash and a bathing suit," Brill said.

## Prince Harry, photographer scuffle at club

The Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's Prince Harry was hit in the face with a camera during a scuffle with a photographer outside a London nightclub early Thursday, a royal official said.

The photographer said Harry struck him without provocation.

The prince cut a photographer's lip after pushing a camera away during the incident outside the Pangaea club at about 3 a.m., according to the office of Harry's father, Prince Charles.

The photographer, Chris Uncle, said he had done nothing to provoke Harry.

James Taylor, another photographer outside the club, said it looked like Harry had been pushed and hit his head as he got into the car, and then "he literally lunged at this photographer," shouting and swearing as bouncers and bodyguards held him back.

"I've covered Harry before and never seen him like this," Taylor said.



Prince Harry

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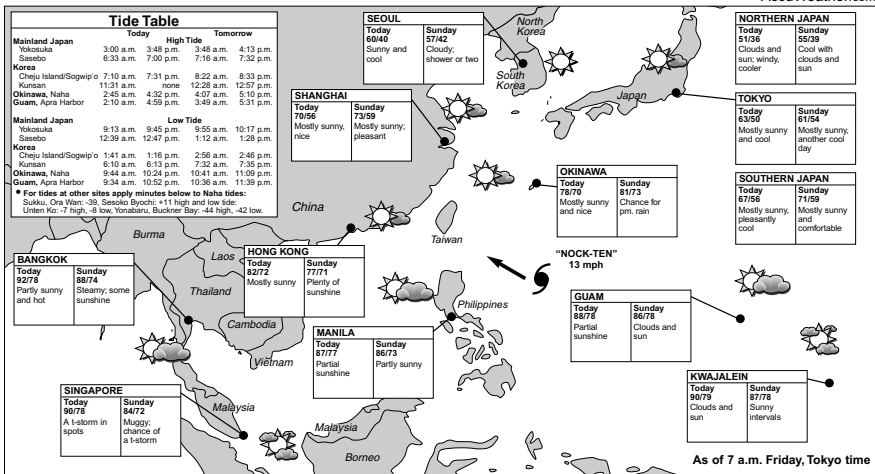




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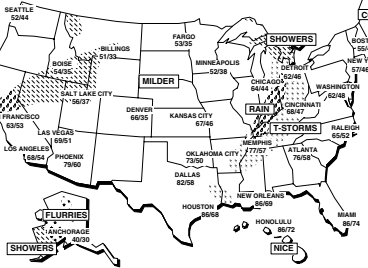
## Extended Forecasts

<b>TOKYO</b> Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine. high 68, low 61. Tuesday: Partly sunny. high 67, low 49.	<b>KADENA</b> Monday: Rain, high 83, low 71. Tuesday: Thunder showers, high 75, low 63.	<b>SEUL</b> Monday: Partly sunny, high 61, low 28. Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, high 47, low 28.	<b>MANILA</b> Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine. high 87, low 73. Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, high 87, low 72.	<b>HAGATNA</b> Monday: Mostly cloudy, high 88, low 78. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine. high 88, low 79.
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## Thursday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	72/49	Los Angeles	67/52
Amarillo	85/57	Little Rock	76/61
Anchorage	41/30	Louisville	69/50
Ashville	68/50	Miami	87/73
Baltimore	59/48	Milwaukee	54/47
Birmingham	80/59	Nashville	74/56
Bismarck	61/42	New York	54/45
Boise	55/37	Omaha	62/59
Boston	52/42	Orlando	86/66
Brownsville	96/77	Philadelphia	57/47
Buffalo	52/44	Phoenix	78/57
Burlington	49/36	Pittsburgh	58/47
Charleston, SC	73/59	Portland, OR	58/48
Charlotte	69/52	Portland, ME	53/40
Cleveland	60/46	Salt Lake City	51/39
Columbus, OH	64/46	St. Louis	69/55
Duluth	56/44	San Antonio	93/73
El Paso	78/58	San Diego	66/56
Hartford	52/41	San Juan	86/76
Helena	52/31	Tampa	87/70
Indianapolis	63/49	Tulsa	83/66
Jacksonville	80/63	Washington	58/50
Kansas City	66/64	Wichita	76/65

## Saturday, October 23



## U.S. Extended Forecast

Showers and thunderstorms will develop Saturday ahead of a cold front that will stretch from the Upper Midwest into Texas. Ahead of this system, much of the eastern half of the nation will have a dry day under partly sunny skies. Patchy morning fog will form in the mid-Atlantic region. Cool air will continue to flow into New England from an area of high pressure situated over south-eastern Canada. Behind the cold front, gusty winds will follow over the Plains. Another area of high pressure will allow plenty of sun to shine over the Southwest. A cold front moving through the Northwest will bring rain to northern California and Oregon and cause showers in the northern Rockies.

## Saturday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	92/78	Wakani	69/53
Beijing	63/42	Kadena AB	78/70
Camp Casey	61/39	Kunsan AB	61/47
Christchurch	64/43	Kwajalein	90/79
Diego Garcia	84/73	Manila	87/77
Hagatna	88/78	Masawa AB	54/35
Hanoi	80/68	Osan	60/41
Hong Kong	82/72	Perth	74/57
Honolulu	86/72	Pusan	63/50

## Saturday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	90/77	Budapest	90/73	Kabul	81/51
Athens	74/59	Buenos Aires	70/50	Kiev	57/48
Auckland	60/40	Cairo	92/65	Kuwait	96/65
Baghdad	86/55	Cancun	84/72	London	59/50
Barbados	91/74	Madrid	73/58	Oslo	43/36
Barcelona	72/63	Geneva	64/52	Paris	63/50
Berlin	61/50	Havana	67/52	Rio de Janeiro	72/63
Bermuda	78/63	Jerusalem	82/61	Rome	75/60
Brussels	62/47	Johannesburg	75/50	St. Petersburg	44/39



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## Circus protest ruling

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — Confining animal rights activists to small spaces while they were protesting circuses and rodeos at the state-run Cow Palace in San Francisco violated their constitutional free-speech rights, a federal appeals court ruled.

Activist Alfredo Ruba brought the case, saying small "free-expression zones" set hundreds of feet from the entrance stifled him and others from protesting circuses and rodeos. A unanimous three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed.

"Confining protesters off in a free expression zone the size of a parking space, located over 200 feet from the entrance, far from encouraging interaction with them, is more likely to give the impression to passers-by that these are people to be avoided," Judge Marsha S. Berzon wrote.

## Campus police reports

**KY** FRANKFORT — The University of Kentucky Police Department was wrong to black out victims' names from campus police reports before releasing the documents to the public, the attorney general's office ruled.

The opinion found that the school had not proved it was in the public interest to allow victims to choose whether they wanted their names released.

"Contrary to the views expressed by UKPD, the disputed incident reports are matters of public interest and are public records," according to the opinion.

UK had given the Kentucky Kernel, the school's student newspaper, copies of eight police reports with crime victims' names, addresses and other personal information blacked out. The newspaper appealed to Attorney General Greg Stumbo.

## Swastika spray-painter

**NY** NEW YORK — A woman admitted shortly after her arrest that she spray-painted swastikas in Jewish neighborhoods in Brooklyn and Queens because she was angry about her Jewish ex-husband's new wife, police said.

The woman, Olga Abramovich, 49, of Brooklyn, was charged with criminal mischief and related crimes, police said.

Police said Abramovich admitted targeting about 20 sites, including several synagogues, because she was angry at her former husband for marrying a younger woman. They said she also married two police cars because she was upset about receiving a summons.

## Illegal immigrant maid

**WI** MILWAUKEE — Two physicians have been indicted on charges alleging that for 20 years they kept an illegal immigrant in their home, a woman who told investigators she was not paid or allowed to leave without an escort except for shopping.

Jefferson N. Calimlim and Elnora M. Calimlim of Brookfield were



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charged with one count each of harboring an illegal immigrant and conspiracy to harbor an illegal immigrant, and were freed without bail.

"To hold a domestic servant in virtual servitude for 20 years is a shocking callous disregard for our nation's most deeply held values," said Brian Falvey, resident agent in charge for U.S. Immigration and Customs enforcement in Milwaukee.

A defense attorney denied the accusations.

## Orcas' safe trip

**WA** SEATTLE — Washington state's resident killer whales, with two newborns in tow, dodged a potentially lethal roadblock in their voyage south to feast on a healthy run of chum salmon, experts say.

If the orcas had departed a week earlier, they could have run into pollution from a 1,000-gallon oil spill near Tacoma recently, said Ken Balcomb at the Center for Whale Research in the San Juan Islands.

"Hopefully they'll skirt the spill," Balcomb said, referring to thin deposits that cleanup technology cannot recover.

"As long as the whales don't swim through it and inhale it,"



## A deal is a deal

As part of a deal between superintendent and elementary school principal Mark Spradling and his students in Middletown, Ohio, he agreed to spend 24 hours on the school's roof if the students raised more than \$55,000 during a recent walk-a-thon.

they should be OK, he said.

Researchers had attributed the deaths of several Alaska killer whales to the 1989 oil spill from the tanker Exxon Valdez in Prince William Sound.

## Tire cleanup planned

**VA** RICHMOND — Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality plans to get rid of the 3 million discarded tires remaining at 342 dumps around the state over the next 18 months.

The launch of "Operation Clean Sweep" in November was announced by department director Robert Q. Burnley.

The department will award contracts of \$3 million to transport the old tires to processing facilities, a statement by Burnley said.

He said the cleanup project will be financed by a three-year increase in the recycling fee consumers pay when they buy tires.

The 2003 General Assembly raised the fee from 50 cents to \$1 per tire.

The bulk of the state's work is finished. When the cleanup effort began in 1992, 22.6 million tires littered the state.

## Boy abandoned

**TX** ARLINGTON — Neighbors at an apartment complex took turns caring for a young boy after his mother disappeared, waiting weeks to call police, authorities say.

The young boy, known as "Teddy," told neighbors he is 3 but may be as old as 5, one caretaker said.

His mother left him with a friend while she went to a store in July and never came back, so neighbors fed and cared for him, hoping "Julie" or "Julie Ann" would return.

"Many of them were under the impression that the mother would return," said Christy Gilfohr, an Arlington police spokesman.

Someone finally gave up on Sept. 14 and reported to police that the boy had been abandoned.

Police and Child Protective Services caseworkers released Teddy's picture and began telling his story in hopes of finding relatives or someone who knows his mother.

## Inmate with cancer

**NH** DOVER — A judge has refused to release an inmate who has cancer from the state prison, and the inmate said the ruling essentially is a death sentence.

Donald MacDonald, 78, of Alton, was convicted of running down three children in 1995, killing one and seriously injuring the others. He was sentenced on May 8, 1996.

MacDonald asked Judge Bruce E. Mohl that his sentence be reduced because he said he is likely to die of cancer in prison before being eligible for release, according to his motion. He was sentenced to 15 to 30 years for manslaughter and 3½ to seven years more for aggravated driving while intoxicated.

The ruling means MacDonald would not be eligible for parole until he is at least 88.



## Go-carting governor

Utah Gov. Olene Walker holds tight to the wheel of a miniature speedway car as she crosses the finish line in first place during the opening of the new Park Lane interchange in Farmington, Utah.



## Rippin' the road

A snowboarder rides down Mount Rose highway in Reno, Nev. An early winter storm that dumped at least a foot of snow on the high Sierra continued to batter Lake Tahoe, snarling traffic but boosting skiers' spirits.



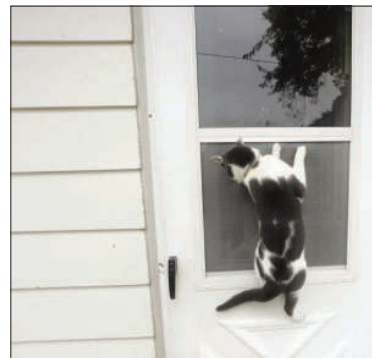
## Patriotic pupil

Kevin Cutrara, 10, dressed as Uncle Sam to encourage fellow students to head to the polls for the Kids Voting program at Lincoln Heights Elementary School in Charlotte, N.C.





**Well-deserved break** Michael Neel, 16, takes a break from cleaning up storm damage by swinging at some golf balls on property where his home used to be before a tornado demolished it Monday in Sardis, Ark.



**Clingy cat** George the cat looks into the house of his owner Cathy Scott at her home near Romney, Ind. This is George's way of letting the Scotts' know that she wants in.



**Pumpkin payroll** An Amish farmer drives a wagonload of pumpkins from his field to his barn in Hillsdale County, Mich. The Amish in this southern Michigan have many acres of pumpkins to harvest.

## Oyster payoff rejected

**LA** NEW ORLEANS — A \$1.3 billion judgment for south Louisiana oystermen who claimed a coastal restoration project ruined their business was thrown out by the state Supreme Court.

The case centered on a decision that the state should pay oystermen because of a 1991 freshwater diversion program that channeled some Mississippi River water and sediment into Breton Sound.

Oystermen, who leased water bottoms from the state for \$2 an acre a year, claimed that beds that had been cultivated for decades were destroyed.

A Plaquemines Parish jury valued the leases at \$21.345 an acre, which totaled about \$1.3 billion for the 130 oyster farmers in the class-action suit. Oystermen in nearby Lake Borgne later won a \$661 million judgment alleging similar damages to their leases.

## Cell phone rampage

**ND** FARGO — A Man who stripped to the waist, put on safety goggles and tore up a Verizon Wireless store after complaining of bad phone service has been sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Jason Peralta, 22, pleaded guilty to felony criminal mischief and misdemeanor assault in the rampage the company said cost it more than \$20,000 in broken equipment and lost sales.

The 5-foot-11, 200-pound former college wrestler said he had intended to only scream at the store workers, but when he tried to throw his cell phone against a wall, it hit a worker in the shoulder. He continued to destroy merchandise for several minutes while workers locked themselves in an office.

## Ambulance crash

**NY** NEW YORK — A cancer patient on his way to the hospital was killed when the ambulance transporting him was hit by an SUV, his family said.

Angel Gonzalez, 56, of Brooklyn, was in his wheelchair when the ambulance was hit and flipped over, police and his family said.

Gonzalez suffered neck and back injuries, his wheelchair landed on Santa Martinez, a family friend riding in the ambulance with him.

Martinez, 60, was in critical condition at Lutheran Medical Center.

Gonzalez was taken to the same hospital in critical condition and later died, a relative said.

## Guards' charges dropped

**NC** CHARLOTTE — A federal judge dismissed charges against two jail guards accused of beating an inmate, saying prosecutors had not proved their case.

The judge told Capt. Rodney Collins and former Sgt. Paul Gee they were free to leave the courtroom, ending a jury trial and setting off hugs and tears among the defense team and the guards' relatives.

The two were accused of beating Paul Dameron Midgett and violating the inmate's civil rights in May 2000 at the Mecklenburg County Jail.

U.S. District Court Judge Graham Mullen said prosecutors' failure to call the alleged victim to testify "created a vacuum" in the case.

## Youth inmate programs

**HI** HONOLULU — The state administration plans to introduce legislation next year to develop youth correctional facilities on the neighbor islands that would emphasize programs and counseling over detention, Gov. Linda Lingle said.

Her comments came after a meeting in Utah with six of seven girls from Hawaii who were temporarily transferred from the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility to a detention center in Salt Lake City.

Lingle said she was pleased with the detention center, adding she hopes Hawaii's youth justice system can transform itself over the next two years and become more like Utah's.

## Hacker hits Berkeley

**CA** BERKELEY — Federal and state officials are investigating the hacking of a University of California, Berkeley, computer containing Social Security numbers and other personal data for more than 1 million residents.

Officials say they haven't determined whether any personal data was taken and haven't seen signs of identity theft. The FBI, the California Highway Patrol and the California Department of Social Services are investigating.

The database included home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth and Social Security numbers for recipients of In-Home Supportive Services, a program that provides assistance to the elderly and disabled.

## Licenses mixed up

**LA** AUSTIN — Possible identity theft is a concern for many Texans after the state Department of Public Safety said it misdirected about 800 drivers' licenses to the wrong addresses.

Only about 400 people have returned the errant licenses they received in recent weeks, the DPS said.

"Obviously, there's some concern," said DPS spokeswoman Trela Mangle.

State officials want anyone who gets a wrong license to return it to the nearest DPS office, Mangle said.

The culprit? "It's a new mail-sorting machine," she told The Dallas Morning News. "It's not behaving, so we've taken it off-line."

## Polygamists lose 8 kids

**UT** SALT LAKE CITY — Utah child welfare authorities removed eight children from a family belonging to a polygamist clan.

The children were taken from John Daniel Kingston and Heidi Mattingly, who have 11 children, including two teen girls who already have been removed from the home. The state did not take the couple's youngest child, a 3-month-old girl, who will remain with Mattingly.

At issue was a petition filed by the Guardian ad Litem's office — an independent agency that represents children in court — alleging abuse, neglect and efforts by the couple to block access to the children by state case workers.

Stories and photos from wire services



# Looking at the news

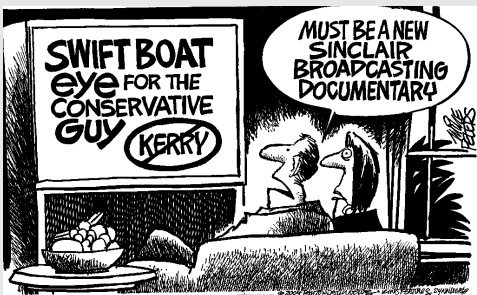
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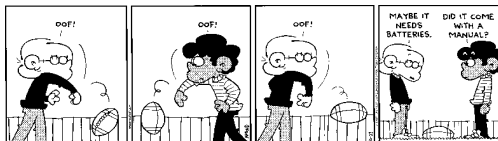


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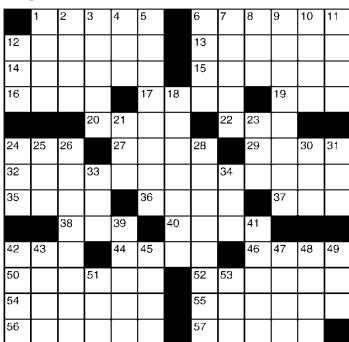
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 1 "Shower scene" actress ...
- 6 ... and movie
- 12 Purple PBS critter
- 13 "Carmen" and "Aida"
- 14 Rhododendron's kin
- 15 Near-quarts
- 16 Mini-plateau
- 17 Honeycomb section
- 19 Commotion
- 20 Tyler or Fillmore
- 22 Sodom escapee
- 24 Past
- 27 MIT grad
- 29 Discovery
- 32 "Ordinary" People's director
- 35 Greatest number
- 36 Hurdled
- 37 Stubby's "Cat Bill"
- 38 Bull "partner"
- 40 Connection
- 42 Rx-testing org.
- 44 Competent
- 46 Driving force
- 50 Video-game venue
- 52 Waterproof wear
- 54 Calumniate
- 55 Wears away
- 56 Grommet
- 57 Disperse differently

### Down

- 1 Do nothing
- 2 Paleozoic and Mesozoic
- 3 Extended-family member
- 4 Turn right
- 5 Moderate purple
- 6 Survey
- 7 Equestrian's mishap
- 8 On the other hand
- 9 Work of art
- 10 Strong
- 11 — buco
- 12 Emeril's expletive
- 18 Chinese menu item
- 21 Von maiden
- 23 Vacationing
- 24 Branch
- 25 Stickum
- 26 Hindrance
- 28 Critic
- 30 Heston's org.
- 31 Banned bug spray
- 33 MCO info
- 34 Lair
- 39 Star of many "Westerns?"
- 41 Praises' remarks
- 42 Renown
- 43 Horse-drawn wagon
- 45 Distorted
- 47 Give a makeover to
- 48 Expanded
- 49 Double curve
- 51 Have a bug
- 53 Beatitudes verb

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A BARBER  
STYLES AN OFFICER'S HAIR, COULD YOU SAY  
HE HAD A BRUSH WITH THE LAW?  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals P

# Abused woman needs counseling

**Dear Abby:** My husband and I have been together for eight years, married for seven. During the last five years, he has picked fights with me. He tells me I'm worthless, that he doesn't care if we have sex or not because he can get it elsewhere else, and that I'm stupid.

I have been depressed for nearly six years. I want to get on anti-depressants, but my husband doesn't believe in them and doesn't want me on them. I cry myself to sleep at night and have even started having nightmares. I went through this when I was young, after my mom moved out. I know what depression is, but I can't convince my husband that I need the medicine.

During our last fight, he told me the only reason he ever said he was sorry and I'm still around is because he wants me here so he can have the kids around all the time, and because it's convenient. He apologized later, but I'm left wondering if he said it only to

keep me around waiting on him hand and foot.

Please help me. My husband doesn't believe in counseling.

— Beaten Down in Oklahoma  
*Dear Beaten Down:* Since when do you need anyone's permission to talk to a doctor? Please do so right away to discuss your long history of depression.

**Dear Abby**



While you are there, mention the fact that your husband is verbally abusive and ask for a referral to a licensed marriage counselor. Should your verbally abusive spouse refuse to go with you, go without him. Your mental health must come first. Once you start feeling better about yourself, you'll be better able to deal with your husband.

**Dear Abby:** My sister, "June," came to live with my husband and me two years ago because living arrangements with her son didn't work out. Since then, my husband

of 50 years has passed on. My house is too big for me to take care of because I have medical problems of my own.

June doesn't help with any of the household chores with me. I have wanted to sell my house ever since my children moved out years ago, but my husband wanted to keep it in case any of them needed to come back.

Four of my children have invited me into their homes, but what should I do with June?

— Torn Senior in New York

**Dear Torn:** You were wonderful to have provided a refuge for your sister when she needed it. However, she's an able-bodied adult and should not be your responsibility.

It's time for your sister to make other living arrangements. Talk to her and set a date for her to move. If she can't afford to live alone, she should find a roommate.

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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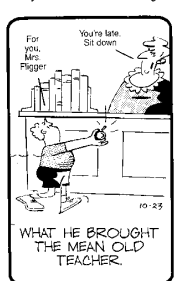
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's

Answer: The violinist visited the doctor because he was — "HIGHSTRUNG"

Today's

Answer: GUEST BATCH CONCUR HAZING

Answer: The violinist visited the doctor because he was — "HIGHSTRUNG"

# Getting over infidelity never easy

**Dear Annie:** After 15 years of marriage, I discovered my wife was having an affair with a co-worker who came into town every month. She had been seeing him for three years. After he left the company, she communicated through a cell phone he provided, which is how I found out.

I almost left her then, but we have two beautiful young children, and I couldn't bear to be without them. The affair is over, and although we never discuss it, occasionally I have a setback that will keep me up at night.

I told my wife in the beginning that it might take a while for me to let this go, but she doesn't seem to understand the severity of what's happened. Recently, she argued that a tough time she's having because I don't completely trust her, and that I should get over it because it's been a year. Is she right?

— Not Over It Yet  
*Dear Not Over It:* Hardly. Your wife betrayed your marriage, lied

**Annie's Mailbox**



to you and undermined the foundation of your relationship. It takes a great deal of time, effort, forgiveness and hard work to "get over it."

You must make a sincere effort to put this behind you, and she must understand the depth of your pain. If you haven't had marriage counseling, please look into it now.

Talk to your clergy person, or ask your doctor to refer you.

**Dear Annie:** I am writing in response to "Concerned Friend and Taxpayer," whose friend's 19-year-old daughter, "Beverly," is pregnant from a one-night stand. She wants to put "father unknown" on her child's birth certificate and not ask for child support. I wish I had been as smart as Beverly.

I did put down the father's name, and now I have to deal with a man who is a drug addict and alcoholic who can't hold a

job. He pays child support when he wants to, which is just enough to keep him out of jail. He did sign off on visitation rights, but will not sign off on parental rights, which means my current husband cannot adopt my son.

If I had been as smart as Beverly, I would not have to worry about all this, and my son would have this wonderful man as his true daddy.

I think sometimes it is best for the baby not to have to deal with a bad father. If Beverly is on public assistance, the government will pay for a baby sitter so she can continue her education.

— Older and Wiser in Ohio

**Dear Ohio:** Even a rotten father can love his child and should be given the opportunity (as long as he is not abusive). But your husband IS your child's true daddy, because he is the one who is raising the boy.

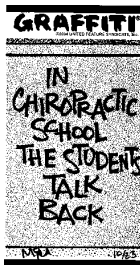
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## Family Circus



"Conscience is a little voice inside your head, but sometimes it just whispers."



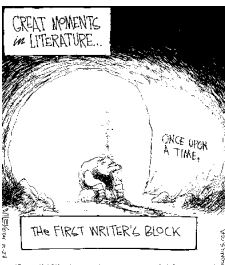
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## Hamm can keep gold as protest overturned

By NANCY ARMOUR  
The Associated Press

Paul Hamm can keep his Olympic gold medal.

Sports' highest court rejected a South Korean appeal Thursday, ruling that Hamm is the rightful champion of the men's all-around gymnastics competition in the Athens Games.

"This is, obviously, a great day for me," Hamm said. "The decision from CAS confirms what I've always felt in my heart, which is that I was champion that night and Olympic gold medalist."

The decision by a three-judge panel from the Court of Arbitration for Sport ends a saga that began more than two months ago when South Korea's Yang Tae-young claimed a scoring error cost him the title.

Yang asked the court to order international gymnastics officials to change the results, and adjust the medal rankings so he would get the gold and Hamm the silver. But the CAS panel dismissed the appeal, leaving Hamm with the gold and Yang with bronze. Kim Dae-eun of South Korea was the silver medalist.

The verdict is final and cannot be appealed.

"An error identified with the benefit of hindsight, whether admitted or not, cannot be a ground for reversing a result of a competition," the CAS panel said.

Yang said he accepted the decision and didn't want to think about it anymore.

"I will perform better in the future so that such an error won't happen again," he said. "I won't stop here ... My plan is to train very hard and win a gold in the next Olympics in Beijing."

Hamm won the gold Aug. 18, rallying from 12th place with two events left to become the first American man to win gymnastics' biggest prize. Two days later, gymnastics officials discovered that Yang had been wrongly docked a tenth of a point on his second-to-last routine, the parallel bars.

Yang ended up with the bronze, 0.049 points behind Hamm. Add that extra 0.100, though, and Yang would have finished on top, 0.051 points ahead of the American.

That, however, assumes everything in the final rotation played out the same way — a big if.

"For a variety of reasons related to the reality of athletic competition and the human psyche, simply changing the parallel bars result would not necessarily ... produce the true outcome," said Jeff Benz, general counsel for the U.S. Olympic Committee.

The International Gymnastics Federation acknowledged the scoring error and suspended three judges. But it said repeatedly it would not change the results because the South Koreans didn't protest until after the meet.







Wisconsin's Booker Stanley, right, is hit by Purdue's Stanford Kegler as Stanley scores a touchdown last week. Purdue can help lift the Badgers atop the Big Ten standings by beating No. 13 Michigan on Saturday.

# Boilermakers can boost Badgers to top of Big Ten

By RALPH D. RUSSO

The Associated Press

A week after losing to Wisconsin, Purdue can do the Badgers a favor against Michigan.

The 12th-ranked Boilermakers will try to stay in the Big Ten title race when they host the 13th-ranked Wolverines on Saturday.

## College Picks

They can also help clear out first place in the conference for Wisconsin by beating Michigan — something the Badgers won't be able to do themselves.

Thanks to the Big Ten's rotating schedule, the sixth-ranked Badgers (7-0, 4-0) and Wolverines (6-1, 4-0), the only Big Ten teams still unbeaten in conference play, don't meet this season.

"I think you're wasting energy and time if you concern yourself with things that you have no control over. We knew when the season started, just like everybody else, there are two teams we can't say," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said.

It's been a recurring problem for the Big Ten since it expanded to 11 in 1993 with the addition of Penn State.

In 2002, Ohio State won the national title, but shared the Big Ten crown with Iowa when the Buckeyes and Hawkeyes both finished with perfect conference records.

Ohio State, Michigan and Wisconsin all finished 7-1 in 1998, but the Badgers and Buckeyes both finished with perfect conference records.

Ohio State and Northwestern shared the Big Ten title in 1996, finishing 7-1 without playing each

other.

"At some point we're when we get to 12 teams, we will have to make a lot of money by having a playoff game that will settle some of this," Carr said, speculating about the future of the Big Ten.

Speaking of speculation, the picks:

## Saturday

Washington (Cal) 34 at No. 1 Southern Cal: USC's remaining opponents are combined 16-21 — **USC 48-12**

Kansas (plus 27) at No. 2 Oklahoma: This probably won't do much for Sooners' computer rankings — **OKLAHOMA 39-10**

Kentucky (plus 30½) at No. 3 Auburn: How about Auburn QB Jason Campbell for Heisman? — **AUBURN 47-10**

No. 4 Miami (minus 7½) at North Carolina State: 1. Defense in ACC on display — for Wolfpack. — **MIAMI 24-20**

No. 5 Florida State (minus 13½) at Wake Forest: Seminoles getting better every week — **FLORIDA STATE 32-13**

Northwestern (plus 12) at No. 6 Wisconsin: Badgers best not overlook Wildcats after big win — **WISCONSIN 20-12**

No. 7 California (minus 22) at Arizona: Is there a more balanced offense in country than Cal's? — **CAL 40-14**

No. 8 Texas (minus 2½) at Texas Tech: Tech has won two of three in Lubbock against Longhorns — **TEXAS TECH 32-28**

UNLV (plus 24) at No. 9 Utah: But not just pipe dream for Utes — **UTAH 42-14**

No. 10 Georgia (minus 8) at Arkansas: First of four straight away from Athens for Bulldogs — **GEORGIA 24-20**

Alabama (plus 7) at No. 11 Tennessee: Some Tide fans might want to beat Vols coach Phil Fulmer more than Auburn this year — **ALABAMA 19-17**

No. 12 Michigan (plus 4½) at No. 12 Purdue: Wolverines have won three straight against Boilermakers — **MICHIGAN 24-20**

No. 14 Virginia (minus 25) at Duke: Cavaliers should find the end zone this week — **VIRGINIA 48-10**

Colorado (plus 20) at No. 17 Texas A&M: Aggies' turnaround is coming quicker than expected — **TEXAS A&M 30-14**

Texas (plus 23½) at No. 18 LSU: Tigers against Trojans. Wrong year and wrong Trojans — **LSU 40-13**

Fresno State (plus 10) at No. 19 Boise State: Broncos have won three straight against Bulldogs — **BOISE STATE 37-21**

No. 20 Florida (minus 24½) at Mississippi State: Gators beat last game at Starkville 47-35 in 2000 — **FLORIDA 44-10**

UCLA (plus 7½) at No. 21 Arizona State: Sun Devils rebound against Pac-10's worst defense — **ARIZONA STATE 39-24**

No. 22 Oklahoma State (plus 3½) at Missouri: Missouri defense is tops in Big 12 — **OKLAHOMA STATE 22-20**

Boston College (plus 7) at No. 24 Notre Dame: Last six meetings decided by average of five points; four won by BC — **NOTRE DAME 20-17**

No. 25 Iowa (plus 2½) at Penn State: Two solid defenses; Hawkeyes' offense is coming around — **IOWA 21-17**

Last week: 11-7 (straight); 9-9 (vs. points). Season: 104-26 (straight); 61-60-2 (vs. points)

## College football schedule/statistics

### Weekend schedule

Saturday, Oct. 30	
EAST	
Princeton at Cornell	
Birmingham at Hofstra	
Villanova at Rhode Island	
West Virginia at Rutgers	
Harvard at Dartmouth	
New Hampshire at Northeastern	
Wagner at Albany, N.Y.	
Georgetown D.C. at Fordham	
Bucknell at Holy Cross	
La Salle at Iona	
Colgate at Lehigh	
Maine at Massachusetts	
Conn. Connecticut St. at Monmouth, N.J.	
Brainerd at Penn	
Columbia at Yale	
Marist at Duquesne	
DelaWare at Navy	
St. Peter's at Robert Morris	
Connecticut at Syracuse	
Sacred Heart at Saint Mary's	
William & Mary at Towson	
SOUTH	
N.C. State at Clemson	
Duke at Wake Forest	
Webster International at Jacksonville	
Tennessee at South Carolina	
S. Carolina St. at Delaware St.	
S. Dakota St. at Georgia Southern	
Norfolk St. at Howard	
St. Francis, Pa. at Morehead St.	
Coastal Carolina at Gardner-Webb	
Charleston Southern at Liberty	
Allen at Savannah St.	
The Citadel at Wofford	
Charleston, W.Va. at Austin Peay	
W. Carolina at Elon	
UAF at Marshall	
Michigan at Mississippi St.	
Murray St. at E. Kentucky	
Army at East Carolina	
VMU at James Madison	
Prairie View at Sam Houston St.	
U.S. St. at Middle Tennessee	
Florida St. vs. Georgia at Jacksonville, Fla.	
Florida St. at Maryland	
Idaho at Troy	
Alabama St. vs. Alabama St. at Birmingham	
Kentrida Atlantic at Florida A&M	
Bethune-Cookman at N. Carolina A&T	
Appalachian St. at Chattanooga	
MIAMIT at North Carolina	
Alcorn St. at St. Louisiana	
North Carolina at Southern U.	
Auburn at Mississippi	
Vanderbilt at LSU	
Texas State at McNeese St.	
Illinois St. at W. Kentucky	
MIDWEST	
Iowa at Illinois	
Missouri at Nebraska	
Purdue at Northwestern	
Penn St. at Ohio St.	
W. Michigan at Cent. Michigan	
Dartmouth at Dayton	
Cal at Butler	
Minnesota at Indiana	
Cal at Iowa St.	
Northwestern St. at N. Dakota St.	
Tenn. Martin at St. Missouri	
Michigan St. at E. Illinois	
TCU at Cincinnati	
Michigan St. at Youngstown St.	
N. Illinois at Kent St.	
SW Missouri St. at N. Iowa	
N. Kentucky at Bowling Green	
Prairie View at Kansas St.	
W. Illinois at Illinois	

SOUTHWEST	
Oklahoma at Oklahoma St.	
San Houston St. at Stephen F. Austin	
Rice at Tulsa	
Jackson St. at Ark.-Pine Bluff	
Tulane at Houston	
San Jose St. at Baylor	
Louisiana-Monroe at North Texas	
Grambling St. at Texas Southern	
North Texas at Colorado St.	
San Jose St. at Wyoming	
Arizona St. at California	
Tennessee St. at Washington	
Washington at Oregon	
Stanford at UCLA	
Sacramento St. at E. Washington	
Utah State at Utah	
UTEP at San Jose St.	
Montana at Idaho St.	
Oregon St. at Arizona	
Idaho St. at Washington St.	
Fla. International at New Mexico St.	
Idaho St. at Utah	
UC Davis at Cal Poly-SLO	
San Diego St. at Arizona	
Utah at San Diego St.	
SMU at Fresno St.	

Division I-A statistics	
Total offense	
Team	Yds
California	2991 518.2
Texas Tech	493 309.54.8
Idaho	389 252 504.4
Utah	432 289 468.8
Boise St.	404 291 468.8
Purdue	511 348 477.9
Michigan	466 286 477.7
Minnesota	419 323 461.4
Oregon	472 320 453.3
Oklahoma	472 320 453.3
Auburn	464 313 447.6
Hawaii	346 223 446.6

Rushing offense	
Team	Yds
Rice	280 174 293.5
Texas	338 272 361.8
Oklahoma St.	332 168 260.6
West Virginia	342 155 258.8

California	211 1281 256.2
Air Force	352 1536 256.0
Alabama	280 1419 243.3
Louisville	234 1198 239.6
Oklahoma	283 1419 238.5
Utah	280 1400 231.8
Virginia	269 1395 232.5
Wake Forest	294 1330 221.7
Northern Ill.	327 1514 216.3

### Passing offense

	Att	Cp	Yds	Yds Pk
Texas Tech	355	226	2566	427.7
Hawaii	262	148	1743	348.6
Purdue	224	149	1991	331.8
Toledo	230	164	2212	316.6
Middle Tenn. St.	229	173	1858	309.7
Bowling Green	217	149	1834	305.7
Oregon St.	206	148	1797	299.3
Fla. Atlantic	183	102	1465	293.0
Boise St.	197	124	1745	290.8
Colorado St.	175	135	1719	285.0
Memphis	216	120	1699	283.5
Rutgers	235	148	1683	280.5
TCU	205	117	1680	280.0
Connecticut	225	139	1678	279.7
Oregon	226	139	1676	279.3

### Total defense

	Plays	Yds	YdsPl
North Carolina St.	362	1222	203.4
Wisconsin	426	1557	222.4
Alabama	401	1579	225.3
Georgia	357	1559	259.4
Auburn	425	1839	262.2
Florida St.	364	1590	265.4
Virginia Tech	445	1858	265.4
Missouri	365	1596	266.0
LSU	377	1613	276.0
California	323	1368	274.4
Miami (Fla.)	336	1370	274.4
Boston College	390	1653	275.4
Michigan	443	1942	277.4
South Carolina	442	1946	278.4
Virginia	351	1713	285.4

### Rushing defense

	Car	Yds	YdsPcr
Florida St.	181	348	58.3
Nebraska	179	401	66.8
Boise St.	167	423	70.5
Michigan	223	523	74.7
Iowa	191	453	75.5
Oklahoma	179	463	77.2
Purdue	186	464	77.3
Wisconsin	213	564	80.8
Memphis	213	516	86.0
California	172	430	86.3
Southern California	190	527	87.8
Louisville	146	452	90.4
TCU	227	593	98.8
Fla. Atlantic	162	496	99.2
Boston College	203	597	99.5

### Passing defense

	Att	Cp	Yds	Tds	Pts
Alabama	149	59	721	5	81.90
Fresno St.	158	71	814	4	86.40
Wisconsin	213	103	993	3	88.40
Miami (Fla.)	138	63	753	3	89.90
South Carolina	225	118	1085	4	91.30
North Carolina St.	134	64	585	4	90.90
Texas Tech	215	99	1100	10	96.00
Virginia Tech	190	90	1062	4	96.00
Texas	167	85	925	4	96.95
Southern Miss.	143	68	862	6	98.00
West Virginia	200	101	1116	7	98.90
Missouri	156	87	913	5	100.10
Boston College	187	103	1056	3	100.30
San Diego St.	238	125	1332	8	102.20
Oregon State	204	87	1121	14	102.60

### Div. I-A individual statistics

Rushing	
Player	Yds
Benison, Texas	159 988 23 163.3
Moroney, Oklahoma St.	159 988 23 163.3
Moats, La Tech	159 988 23 163.3
Arrington, Cal	104 783 13 156.6
Smith, Utah	104 783 13 156.6
Thomas, No. Texas	118 739 63 147.7
Smith, Utah	104 783 13 156.6
James, Memphis	105 757 12 126.2
Minnesota	120 869 67 126.2
Smith, Utah	104 783 13 156.6
Sporres, Kansas St.	148 718 49 115.7
Moats, La Tech	104 783 13 156.6
Harris, W. Virginia	88 571 61 114.7
Harris, Northwestern	88 571 61 114.7
Wolfe, No. Illinois	142 782 55 111.7

### Passing

	Att	Cp	Yds	Tds	Pts
Gradkowski, Toledo	210	153	2057	18	181.4
Lefors, Louisville	90	68	922	6	181.4
Rodgers, Cal	126	91	1141	11	181.4
Campbell, Auburn	131	92	1363	10	180.4
Smith, Utah	151	98	1460	12	169.3
Jacobs, Bowl. Green	113	148	1811	18	166.9
Hackney, UAB	142	79	1328	16	165.3
Orton, Purdue	217	144	1877	19	165.3
Hagan, Virginia	177	88	1411	13	157.4
Leinart, Southern Cal	172	112	1411	14	157.4
White, Oklahoma	153	101	1228	13	156.2
Leak, Florida	192	118	1571	15	150.8
Marks, Middle Tenn.	142	102	1742	8	148.3
Zabransky, Boise St.	177	114	1576	10	148.3
McNeal, Texas A&M	149	87	1325	7	146.8

### Receiving

	Gms	Ct	Yds	CTP
Ridgeway, Ball State	7	63	831	9.8
Owens, Hawaii	5	43	475	8.9
Wright, Middle Tenn.	6	50	665	8.3
Bernal-Wood, Idaho	7	57	695	8.3
Hass, Oregon St.	6	46	699	7.8
Edwards, Michigan	7	53	781	7.4
Philmore, Northwestern	6	45	533	7.3
Webb, San Diego St.	6	44	563	7.3
Moats, La Tech	15	98	988	23.1
Anderson, Colorado St.	7	49	795	10.9
Deslaurie, E. Michigan	7	49	795	10.9
Dowery, Kent State	6	42	362	7.0
Hicks, Texas Tech	6	42	823	7.4
Moses, Rutgers	6	42	462	7.4
Glover, Texas Tech	6	41	401	6.8

# Vikings feel they have a leg up even without hamstringing Moss

By ANDRES YARBASS  
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — No. 84 was back at practice for the Minnesota Vikings on Wednesday. Well, not quite. It was actually Kelly Campbell wearing Randy Moss' purple jersey. Moss was resting his strained right hamstring.

"Somebody had to be Randy Moss today," Campbell said with a grin. "Practice ain't a practice without 84's jersey being out there on the field."

Campbell — even with his flamboyant personality and big-play potential — isn't Moss. But the wide receiver trio of Campbell, Marcus Robinson and Nate Burleson proved, for a half at least, that it's a decent substitute. And it looks as if they will again have the chance to prove their worth this weekend without the Vikings' All-Pro receiver.

Whether Moss, injured in the second quarter of Sunday night's victory at New Orleans, plays Sunday against Tennessee will be decided at game time. But coach Mike Tice cautioned that he won't play Moss prematurely and risk losing him for more games.

"We're going to be very, very intelligent about it," Tice said Wednesday.

The sight of Moss lying on the field and calling for team trainers against the Saints scared Vikings fans half to death. It scared the fans, but not the rest of the Minnesota receivers.

"You could see the look in their eyes. 'All right. Here we go. We'll do fine, Coach. Just keep throwing us the ball,'" offensive coordinator Tom Landrum said. "That was the whole mood at halftime. We knew Randy was going

to be out the second half. There was never a sense of 'What are we going to do?'"

Burleson had six catches for 134 yards and Robinson caught two touchdown passes in the 38-31 victory at New Orleans. Daunte Culpepper threw two TD passes to tight end Jermaine Wiggins, and running back Mewelde Moore caught seven balls for 78 yards.

There's no debating Minnesota will lose some of its edge without Moss, but the other receivers are confident.

"Moss is a great guy, he makes exceptional plays, but we all feel that we can make those plays," Robinson said. "That's what we should feel like."

In the last few years, losing Moss for a game would have been devastating.

When Cris Carter left after the 2001 season, the Vikings struggled to find a dependable No. 2 wideout. Derrick Alexander and Dwayne Bates had chances, but were injury-plagued busts.

Burleson started a few games his rookie season when Bates was injured, and Campbell established a reputation as a playmaker.

Still, the receiving corps seemed incomplete.

When Robinson, a veteran offensive acquisition, pulled in two touchdown receptions two weeks ago in Houston — including the game-winning 50-yard score — it began to look as if the Vikings had finally found Moss' running mate.

Four of Robinson's five TD catches have been in the past two games.

"You have another guy who's also tall, got



Minnesota's Nate Burleson caught six passes for 134 yards last week at New Orleans.

strong good hands," Campbell said, comparing Robinson to Moss. "Our receiver corps, you've got anything you could want. You've got guys who can run, you've got speed, you've got quickness. You've got guys who are tall who can catch the high balls."

Burleson has solidified his spot alongside Moss and Robinson in the three-receiver sets. With a full season under his belt, Burleson seems more comfortable in Lincoln's system and has a knack for making difficult catches. If Moss can't play Sunday, Campbell will step into the three-wideout set. Although he drew Tice's wrath for coming off the sideline in Houston and drawing a costly taunting penalty, Campbell is a speedy, viable deep threat who can help spread the defense.

Campbell is averaging 20.9 yards per catch, the best among Minnesota's receivers. "Luckily for us, we have some guys who are big gamers," Culpepper said.

# Sprint: Glut of 1½-mile tracks leads to boredom

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to juice the excitement? Or at least offer enough variety so there was less vanilla and more Rocky Road?

As much as I enjoy the high speeds and uncertainty of Texas Motor Speedway, the thought of five 1½-mile speedways on the 2005 Chase schedule makes me cringe. Give me a mid course. Give me another short track. Just please don't make me sit through another boring race on a cookie-cutter track.

Yes, the argument can be made that the term cookie cutter is overused when describing the seven 1½-mile speedways on the Nextel Cup circuit.

Each has different characteristics, and many vary in banking. A car that is raced at night, as was the case last Saturday at Charlotte, takes a completely different setup from what would be used in daylight. But I guarantee the same cast of characters will run up front at Charlotte will be the same guys we see leading on Halloween at Atlanta.

So what tracks should be included to add entertainment value to the Chase?

NBC producer Sam Flood knows what it takes to tantalize a TV audience, but he wasn't consulted when the Chase schedule was devised.

"When this deal was brought to us, we had no idea it was even happening," Flood says. "The 10 races were already established. NASCAR has always done a good job of setting up the schedule, so we try to stay out of that. But in a fantasy world, you love Richmond. You love Bristol. Those are the two races that somehow ought to be in there."

Flood does not advocate moving a Daytona race to the season finale.

He says the improvements made to Homestead last season could lead to a revival of interest for NASCAR racing, whereas at a track such as Daytona, drivers are unable "to control their own destiny."

Well, I like Richmond where it is. Talk about drivers not being able to control their destinies — the Chase wasn't determined until the final lap of the September race at Richmond. The anticipation throughout the race was worth more than the price of admission.

## Nextel Cup schedule

Oct. 24 — Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.

Oct. 31 — Bass Pro Shops MBM 500, Hampton, Ga.

Nov. 7 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.

Nov. 14 — Mountain Dew 500, Darlington, S.C.

Nov. 21 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

# Dolphins owner undecided about changes

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Miami Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga said he's surprised and disappointed the team has its worst six-game record in its 39-year history, but he hasn't made any decisions regarding the future of coach Dave Wannstedt or general manager Rich Spielman.

Huizenga said his staff is formulating a plan to improve the organization but didn't elaborate. "It has been a very disappointing year for us, needless to say," Huizenga said Thursday. "We're trying to get focused for next year as to what we're going to do and how we're going to do it. Thus far no decisions have been made."

Miami, the only winless team in the NFL, takes an 0-6 record into Sunday's game against the St. Louis Rams. Three more losses will ensure the Dolphins' first losing season since 1976. Huizenga bought them in 1994.

Wannstedt and Spielman have been widely criticized for their roles in the decline. Huizenga said changes would likely come after the season.

"And I'm not sure we'll do anything after this season other than having a plan," he said. "We don't know what we're going to do. I like both of those guys."

Wannstedt said he believes he is the Dolphins' coach. "I think he's obviously got confidence from the standpoint that he's hopeful and optimistic that

we can get this thing turned in the right direction," Wannstedt said.

"Wayne and I talk every week. Everybody is disappointed, everybody would agree to that. The guys are working to get better and get it turned. We know what's kept us from being successful in some games. Some things we can control. Some things we can't. The things we can control we're going to get corrected."

Huizenga said he expected his team to finish above .500 this season even after running back Ricky Williams retired shortly before the start of training camp.

The Dolphins' dismal record follows an offseason reshuffling by Huizenga that drew widespread criticism. Wannstedt was stripped of authority over personnel matters but also given a two-year contract extension. Player personnel chief Spielman was promoted to general manager. Dan Marino, hired as an executive, but had second thoughts about the commitment and quit 22 days later.

## Chiefs RB Johnson's locker roped off by yellow tape

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — In an amusing twist to a possibly demoralizing controversy, the Kansas City Chiefs found yellow caution tape surrounding running back Larry Johnson's locker.

The kind of tape used to rope off disaster sites stretched about six feet from the room in front of the stall of Johnson on Wednesday. A first-round pick in 2003 who has been complaining about being a

## NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by injury prognosis. (See Page 32 for complete injury report provided by league.)

**Bills:** S Lawyer Milloy (forearm) expected to play.

**Browns:** WR Andre Davis (foot) questionable; OG Kelvin Garmmon (leg) questionable.

**Buccanners:** WR Joe Jurevics (knee, back) expected to play.

**Cardinals:** WR Anquan Boldin (knee) expected to play Oct. 31.

**Jaguars:** QB Byron Ruffalo (ankle) expected to play.

**Vikings:** WR Randy Moss (hamstring) questionable.

third stringer, Johnson was furious Tuesday when he was not traded on trade deadline day.

"You can't do too much when you have an offensive coordinator who doesn't trust you and a head coach who never wanted you in the first place," Johnson was quoted as saying in The Kansas City Star on Wednesday.

Johnson insisted the tape was an idea he and fullback Tony Richardson hatched to try to lighten the situation for a 1-4 team already under strain.

It worked. Players coming in from practice roared at the joke.

"I told T-Rich to do this. He was joking fun at me anyway," said Johnson, effective for three of his four games. "We're just having fun about it. I told T-Rich we should do something, just be dumb about it, and that's what we did."

Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil said that he didn't know about the yellow tape.

"Those things are for you guys to make a living with, not me," he

told reporters. "The problem's been addressed. It's not a serious problem. It never has been."

## Raiders fans call for Tuiasopolo

ALAMEDA, Calif. — When an offense is ineffective, the backup quarterback quickly becomes a fan favorite.

The unforgiving Raider Nation is already calling for Marques Tuiasopolo to get a shot for Oakland in place of struggling starter Kerry Collins — less than a month after they campaigned for Collins to replace Rich Gannon. They started chanting "Tui Tui!" in the second half of the Raiders' 31-3 loss to Denver last Sunday, Oakland's third straight defeat and its worst at home against its archrival in 44 games. The same thing used to happen to Tuiasopolo when he was Brock Huard's backup at the University of Washington.

Fans have taken to booing Collins from the moment he steps onto the field for each game.

"That certainly wasn't the first time I've ever been booed," Collins said Wednesday. "It happens to all quarterbacks. It certainly is something you don't want to happen, but if you play long enough, it does. I mean, I understand. They expect more, and they deserve more."

Collins has completed 80 of 140 passes, thrown for only two touchdowns and been picked off eight times for a dismal quarterback rating of 55.8 in 3½ games since Gannon broke a vertebra in his neck Sept. 26.

# Boston's big man leads with hits and hugs



David Ortiz watches his first-inning, two-run homer that started Boston to a 10-3 victory over the New York Yankees in Game 7 of the ALCS.

## Ortiz won two games in one day on way to MVP nod

BY JIMMY GOLEN  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The biggest comeback in postseason baseball history began when David Ortiz had one of the greatest days in baseball history.

The Boston Red Sox were on the verge of elimination, trailing the New York Yankees 3-0 in the best-of-seven AL championship series, when Ortiz hit a game-winning homer in the 12th inning to end the fourth game at 1:22 a.m. Monday. In Game 5 — later that same calendar day — he fisted a broken-bat bloop into center field in the 14th inning to give the Red Sox another victory.

Ortiz homered again in the clincher on Wednesday night, a two-run shot in the first inning that gave Boston a 2-0 lead and sent them on to a 10-3 victory. With three go-ahead hits, Ortiz was a unanimous choice for ALCS Most Valuable Player.

"He's been a solid rock for us," pitcher Keith Foulke said.

"Everybody else in the country might not see it, but we see it. We see it every day."

His teammates call him "Papi" and, to borrow a phrase, he was the Yankees' daddy. In the process, he made Boston forget — for a moment at least — the frustration their fathers and grandfathers and, yes, great-grandfathers have felt as Red Sox fans.

"You guys enjoy this," Ortiz told TV cameras broadcasting back to Boston. "You've been waiting for this a long time."

No person ever wins a series by himself, and the Red Sox had other contributors.

Tim Lincecum, who allowed the play-off-clinching homer to New York's Aaron Boone last year, gave up a chance to start so as to be available to pitch whenever the Red Sox needed him; he shut the Yankees down in Game 5 and did mop-up duty in the third game. Foulke pitched six scoreless innings in five appearances.

Mark Bellhorn and Johnny Damon snapped out of their slumps just in time. Curt Schilling's blood-and-guts pitching on Tuesday was for the ages, and Derek Lowe's performance Wednesday night may have revived his slumping career.

But by putting the Red Sox ahead in three of their four victories, including two raucous game-enders, Ortiz distanced himself from the MVP competition. He batted .387 in the series with three homers and 11 RBIs.

"This game is not that easy for most of us," team president Larry Lucchino said. "He's got big, broad shoulders and he used them to carry the team, on the field and off the field. He has a big bear-like personality. And he leads the league in hugs."

The Red Sox didn't take much of a gamble when they signed the big Dominican as a free agent before the 2003 season. Giving him short money — \$1.25 million — they brought him in to fight for playing time at first base with Kevin Millar and Jason Giambi's brother, Jeremy.

Millar proved to be a better fielder, but Ortiz has made himself at home as the designated hitter and as one of the most popular players in the clubhouse. He gets credit from his teammates for keeping them loose when their situation was dire.

On the field, Ortiz gave the Red Sox a .288 average with 31 homers, 39 doubles and 101 RBIs in 128 games last year, good enough to place fifth in the AL MVP voting. He avoided arbitration last winter by agreeing to a contract worth \$4,587,500 and then, in May, signed a two-year, \$12.5 million extension that makes him one of baseball's biggest bargains.

This season, he had 139 RBIs, 351 total bases and a .603 slugging percentage — all first in the AL. He tied for second with 41 homers, was third with 47 doubles and fourth with runners in scoring position, batting .350.

His 91 extra-base hits were the most in the AL and second in the history of a franchise that has featured such MVP-winning sluggers Jimmie Fox, Ted Williams, Jim Rice and Mo Vaughn. None of those guys ever won the World Series in Boston. Now Ortiz has a chance.

"You know how long this team and the fans have been waiting for this ballclub... not just to go to the World Series, but win it," said World Series MVP, who said "And that's one of the big reasons for us to come to the field and represent the way we did the last four games."

## Damon slams slump in rather grand style

BY DENNIS WASZAK JR.  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Johnny Damon was confident he would break out of his terrible slump in the AL championship series.

He did — and in a big way. Damon hit a grand slam and a two-run homer in the Boston Red Sox's 10-3 victory over the New York Yankees in Game 7 on Wednesday night.

"That was very sweet," the champagne-soaked Damon said in the Red Sox's jubilant clubhouse. "We needed those runs. You can never be satisfied being up a couple of runs on the Yankees."

The long-haired heart and soul of the Red Sox was headed to an improbable World Series appearance, and he was a major reason.

"I knew this win was coming around, and tonight that was pretty evident," Damon said.

"I always expect that from Johnny," series MVP David Ortiz said. "I don't care if Johnny is 0-for-30 or 0-for-50. Everybody knows what kind of hitter Johnny is and everybody knows that Johnny is going to step up in one of those games and represent the way he did."

Damon hit .304 with 20 homers and 94 RBIs during the season, and carried his success into the first round of the playoffs by hitting .467 (7-for-15) with three stolen bases against Anaheim.

However, he was just 3-for-29, .103, with one RBI in the first six games, he said.

Through it all, Damon's confidence never wavered — not when he looked lost at the plate and not when the Red Sox fell behind the Yankees 3-0 in the series.

"The good thing about this team is that we always kept the faith," he said.

Damon was 0-for-8 with five strikeouts in the first two games, prompting him to trim his long locks, looking less like a caveman than usual. Yet the slump persisted — even as the Red Sox rallied to win three straight games and tie the series.

On Wednesday night, Damon had one last chance to put his mark on this series. He came to bat with the bases loaded in the second inning against Yankees reliever Javier Vazquez.

"With the bases loaded," Damon said, "I knew Vazquez was trying to sneak a fastball by me... I jumped on the first fastball."



Johnny Damon embraces his fiancée, Michelle Mangan, after Boston clinched the AL pennant.

In the fourth, Vazquez tried again to get a fastball past Damon on the first pitch. This one landed in the third deck for a two-run homer.

"Next time, it was a fastball away and somehow I pulled it," he said.

After spending the first six games of the ALCS telling everyone how sure he was that he and the Red Sox would come through, Damon finally answered the questions with his bat.

"We had faith in that every person in this room, and that's why we're going to the World Series," Damon said. "We stuck together and erased history."



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# Comeback makes up for past Sox failures

BY JIMMY GOLEN  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Even in the pain of last year's collapse, Red Sox General Manager Theo Epstein was confident Boston would someday win the World Series.

"But we might not have a chance to come through Yankee Stadium to win it," he said. "Now, here we are, just a year later."

The Red Sox will play for their first World Series title since 1918 after beating the New York Yankees 10-3 in Game 7 of the AL championship series on Wednesday night. The victory was Boston's fourth in a row, making it the first baseball team to win a best-of-seven series after losing the first three games.

It was that much sweeter that the comeback was against the hated Yankees, who have won 26 titles since Boston won its last. New York has won seven consecutive AL East championships; the Red Sox have been second each time.

"All the fans and all the players all those years couldn't get a chance to go to the World Series because the Yankees were in the way. Now we're in their way," Epstein said, raising his beer for a toast. "That's for the '03 team, just like it's for the '78 and the '49 team."

Boston battled New York down to the final day in 1949 and forced a one-game playoff in 1978, won by Boston on Bucky Dent's popup home run that cleared Fenway Park's Green Monster.

But few disappointments can match last

year's disintegration at Yankee Stadium, when Red Sox manager Grady Little opted not to remove tiring ace Pedro Martinez in the eighth inning as a three-run lead withered away. The Yankees tied the game to send it into extra innings and won when Aaron Boone homered off Tim Lincecum in the 11th.

Little was let go, and the Red Sox began a tumultuous offseason in which they added Curt Schilling to the rotation and Keith Foulke to the bullpen. Their courtship of Alex Rodriguez backfired when it angered shortstop Nomar Garciaparra, creating an untenable situation that forced them to trade him; in the end, the Yankees were the ones who closed the deal for Rodriguez, the MVP shortstop-turned-third baseman.

But the Garciaparra trade netted Boston Orlando Cabrera, who was a better fielder and, with a .379 average in the ALCS, its second-best hitter. The improved Red Sox defense over the second half turned them from a .500 team to a pennant winner.

Wakefield, who won two games in the 2003 series before losing the decisive game, was a key contributor in this year's effort, too. Twice surrendering a chance to start to serve as an emergency reliever, he held the Yankees scoreless for the final three innings of Boston's 14-inning Game 5 victory on Monday and was ready again Wednesday night if needed.

While his teammates moved their celebration from the mound to the visitor's clubhouse, Wakefield lingered on the mound, where he'd watched the year before while the Yankees celebrated.



David Ortiz, right, celebrates after the Red Sox returned to Fenway Park in Boston early Thursday after beating the New York Yankees in Game 7 of the AL championship series.

Although Boston's ultimate goal remains a World Series title, they have already made history with their comeback and by vanquishing their nemesis.

"Last year, I remember we had a bad memory," said designated hitter David Ortiz, who was the ALCS MVP after two game-winning hits and a two-run homer on Wednesday that put Boston ahead for

good. "A lot of my teammates were just destroyed, because we played a pretty good game and we lost and it was a big-time opportunity to step to the World Series."

"We saw a lot of fans crying and feeling hurt, and I think myself and all of my teammates, we were worried about it and kept that for ourselves. And that's one of the big reasons for us to come to the field and represent the way we did the last four games."

## Charmed: Boston enjoys role reversal

CHARMED, FROM BACK PAGE

Lowie pitched on two days' rest and allowed one hit in six innings. He silenced the Yankees' bats and boasting fans, who just last week-end assumed New York's seventh pennant in nine years was all but a lock. Pedro Martinez started the seventh, his first relief appearance in five years, and immediately sparked chants of the now famous "Who's Your Daddy?"

"Three hits and two runs got the crowd going, but the rally stopped there. Mark Bellhorn added a solo homer in the eighth, and the bullpen closed out a five-run lead."

"It's very amazing, I think, to do what we did," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "Yankees players slowly walked off, eliminated on their own field for the second straight season."

"I'm embarrassed right now," Alex Rodriguez said. "Obviously that hurts — watching them on the field celebrating."

The World Series will start at Fenway Park on Saturday night against St. Louis or Houston. "Even though the Babe's team has been beaten, Boston can try to reverse The Curse, win the Series for the first time since 1918 and bring happiness to the Hub, which can scarcely believe the tumultuous turn of events."

From Fenway Park to Faneuil Hall, from Boston Common to Beacon Hill, the 11th pennant for the Red Sox, the first since 1918, will be remembered as the best for one reason: Beating New York in Yankee Stadium, site of last year's Game 7 meltdown.

This was for Williams, Doerr and Pesky, for Yastrzemski and Yawkey, for Fisk and Rice and even Buckner and Nomar, just a



Boston's Pedro Martinez, who started Game 5, made his first relief appearance in five years.

few of the hundreds who suffered the pain inflicted by their New York neighbors.

"That's for the '03 team, just like it's for the '78 and the '49 team," Red Sox General Manager Theo Epstein said. "I hope Ted Williams is having a cocktail upstairs."

None of the previous 25 major league teams that fell behind a 3-0 even forced a series to seven games. The wild-card Red Sox became only the third of 239 teams in the four major North American leagues to overcome a 3-0 deficit in a best-of-seven series and win, joining the 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs and the 1975 New York Islanders.

It had been 100 years since Boston last won a pennant in New York on the final possible day, a 3-2 victory in a doubleheader opener at Hilltop Park in 1904. New York overcame the Red Sox by winning the final two games of the 1949 season at Yankee Stadium, the Yankees won a one-game playoff for the AL East in 1978 behind Bucky Dent's three-run

homer at Fenway Park, and Aaron Boone hit the 11th-inning homer that won Game 7 last year. New York, which dropped to 10-2 in the LCS, will no doubt face a bitter winter, with owner George Steinbrenner likely to take charge of overhauling a roster that has been short of starting pitching since the spring.

"I want to congratulate the Boston team," Steinbrenner said. "They did very well. They have a great team."

Brown and Vazquez were booed by the sellout crowd of 56,129.

Rodriguez went 2-for-17 in the final four games and Gary Sheffield 1-for-17.

New York had a record \$186 million payroll, far beyond Boston, which was second at \$128 million. But the Yankees haven't won the Series since 2000 and couldn't finish off an opponent in the cool, efficient, ruthless way they did only a few years ago.

"It's not the same team," Jeter said. "We've had teams that have been good at it, but this is not the same team."

The Yankees had a 4-3 lead in the ninth inning of Game 4 on Sunday night, only to see Bill Mueller single home the tying run off Mariano Rivera and Ortiz hit a 12th-inning homer against Paul Quantrill.

They held a 4-2 lead in the eighth inning of Game 5 before Ortiz's homer off Tom Gordon and Jason Varitek's sacrifice fly off Rivera, and Ortiz's winning single off Esteban Loaiza in the 14th.

Then Curt Schilling, his right ankle held together by three sur-

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Boston 5, New York 4, 14 innings  
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Boston 4, New York 2  
**Wednesday, Oct. 19**  
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Dortiz dh	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	DeWills	c	5	0	0	0
Varitek c	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Posada c	3	1	1	0	0
Nixon rf	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Lofton dh	3	1	1	0	0
Millar 1b	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Clark 1b	3	1	0	0	0
Atkws 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sherrif 1b	4	1	2	0	0
Mueller 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sierra ph	4	1	2	0	0
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**Red Sox 10, Yankees 3**

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Timlin	1b	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adair	1b	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York	10	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adair	1b	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vazquez	2b	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heredia	2b	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gonzalez	2b	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melvin	2b	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
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10-3 by Pedro Martinez (4-0) over Tim Lincecum (2-1). 3B—A. J. Pierzynski (1).

2B—Dillon (1), Alfonso (1), Melvin (1), Wright (1).

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## What they're saying

■ A sampling of how newspapers covered Game 7 of the ALCS.





# ALCS collapse was team effort for N.Y.

## Fabled franchise humbled by unprecedented series defeat

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez sat in front of his locker, slumped in a folding chair, dirt stains still splattered on his pinstriped pants.

No reason to rush home, no more games to get ready for. Just a long winter left to wonder why he and his teammates couldn't close out this playoff series with the championship posse the New York Yankees used to be known for.

"It's not the same team," captain Derek Jeter said. "We've had teams that have been good at it, but this is not the same team."

No, it certainly is not.

After 86 years of domination in baseball's most bitter rivalry, the Yankees finally folded against the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday night, losing 10-3 in Game 7 of the AL championship series.

Hard to believe this fabled franchise could come apart in such an epic collapse. Right here, at their hallowed home, in the shadow of all that history, all the monuments, all the banners.

"I'm embarrassed right now," Rodriguez said. "Obviously that hurts — watching them on our field celebrating."

This was much more than a season-ending defeat — it was an unprecedented choke job. Just three outs from a sweep on Sunday, the Yankees dropped four games in a row, becoming the first team in post-season baseball history to blow a 3-0 lead in a best-of-seven series.

"I wish my eyes were closed and I could end this team now," reliever Tom Gordon said. "It could have been over in four. It's a

tough one to bite. ... Just have to get past this."

It's never happened in the NBA. It's happened only twice in the NHL.

And now the Yankees, the most storied team in all of sports, are right at the top of a humbling list.

"I could care less about that," Jeter said. "I don't know how you can rank failure. You win or you lose."

It will be a painful piece of infamy for everyone in pinstripes.

And it will certainly bring the wrath of owner George Steinbrenner this winter — probably sooner.

New York has now gone four years without winning the World Series. Rodriguez is still looking for his first ring, as are Mike Mussina, Hideki Matsui and Jason Giambi.

"It's such a long season and when you're so close to your goal, it's going to hurt all winter," Rodriguez said.

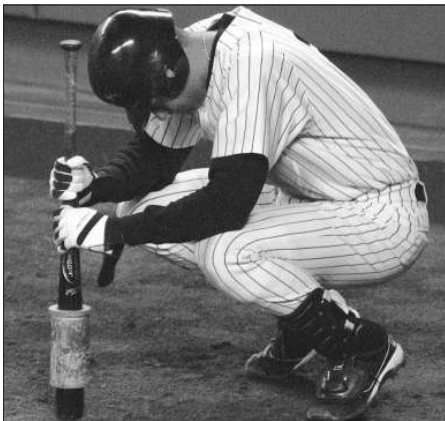
When pinch-hitter Ruben Sierra grounded to second for the final out, the Red Sox rushed to the mound and celebrated their trip to the World Series in the middle of Yankee Stadium. Boston fans chanted and cheered behind the third-base dugout.

It was a slight may New Yorkers thought they'd never have to witness. The Yankees are the team that pulls off improbable comebacks — especially against Boston.

Not this time.

"It makes it worse. But we've been on the success side of this thing, not just against them. Now I'm getting my share of the losing end," general manager Brian Cashman said.

After winning the first three games of the series, New York just couldn't finish it. Star reliever Mariano Rivera had his



New York Yankees' Derek Jeter waits in the on-deck circle in the sixth inning against the Boston Red Sox in Game 7 of the ALCS on Wednesday.

chance — a ninth-inning lead in Game 4 at Fenway Park. He blew the save, Boston won in 12 innings, then rallied again for a 14-inning victory in Game 5.

When the Yankees returned home, it was no better. Curt Schilling shut down New York in Game 6, and panic began to set in.

New York trotted out all the mystique it could muster for Game 7. The scoreboard played a tribute to Mickey Mantle before the game. Bucky Dent threw out the ceremonial first pitch to Yogi Berra.

A sign hanging high above home plate reminded the Red Sox of the B's who have tortured them, with one hoped-for addition: "Babe, Bucky, Buckner, Boone, Brown!"

But Kevin Brown was awful, and Boston had a "B" of its own in response — for blow-out. New York dropped to 10-2 in the ALCS.

"History would have told them to give up. It didn't matter to them," Gordon said. "They didn't just fold the tent."

The Yankees were listless in the last two games, managing only five runs and 11 hits.

After taking the big lead, they got complacent. They didn't steal on knuckleballer Tim Lincecum. They didn't try to punt against Schilling and his gunny ankle. They failed to move runners in extra innings.

And even with a \$183 million opening day payroll, New York ran out of pitching in the end.

"The series obviously turned in that Game 4. Then the momentum started going their way and we just couldn't hold 'em off. We obviously broke down in a number of areas," Cashman said. "We'll start working on our offseason. That's what we do now or lose — just start earlier than we thought."

## Agassi advances in Madrid Masters

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — Andre Agassi breezed past fellow American Vince Spadea 6-1, 6-3 Thursday night to reach the quarterfinals in the Madrid Masters.

The second-seeded Agassi broke Spadea three times in the first set, then broke again for a 3-1 lead in the second and held serve the rest of the way. Agassi saved all six break points he faced, then ended the match by aces Spadea twice to hold at love.

In the quarterfinals, Agassi will meet Tommy Robredo, who overcame a sore shoulder to defeat Fernando Verdasco 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

In other matches, hard-serving Ivan Ljubicic upset top-seeded Tim Henman 4-6, 4-6, 6-2 to join Marat Safin, Taylor Dent, Joachim Johansson, Luis Horna and David Nalbandian in Friday's quarterfinals.

V. Williams edges qualifier to reach quarters in Zurich

ZURICH, Switzerland — Former champion Venus Williams was pushed to two tiebreakers over two hours by 16-year-old qualifier Ana Ivanovic of Serbia-Montenegro before reaching the Swisscom Challenge quarterfinals on Thursday.

The seventh-seeded Williams won 7-6 (11), 7-6 (6) and will face Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova on Friday.

ext plays No. 9 Ai Sugiyama.

Thorn signs extension to remain Nets president

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Now that he has decided to stay with the New Jersey Nets, Rod Thorn must make a decision on whether All-Star point guard Jason Kidd should go.

After signing a five-year contract extension Thursday to remain Nets president, Thorn spent most of his time discussing the pros and cons of trading Kidd.

Kidd, whose acquisition before the 2001-2002 season transformed the Nets from a perennial also-ran into a contender, has talked of leaving since the three-time defending Atlantic Division champions were dismantled in the offseason.

The move that annoyed Kidd the most was shipping All-Star power forward Kenyon Martin to Denver in a cost-saving move. Starting shooting guard Kerry Kittles was traded to the Clippers shortly after that and veteran guard Lucious Harris was cut.

Kidd, who has been recovering from knee surgery, recently said that he dreamed of being traded, but that he had not asked for one.

"I tell him exactly the thing I tell any player," Thorn said. "If we can make a deal that makes sense for us then we'll look at it. If it doesn't make sense for us, then we don't do it."

Kidd's salary might prevent a trade: He will earn \$90 million over the next five years. He also has a history of knee problems.

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# Edmonds helps Cardinals force Game 7

BY BEN WALKER  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — When he misses with his big uppercut, Jim Edmonds can look utterly lost at the plate, as if he's swinging at shadows. After striking out his previous two at-bats, the St. Louis star struck back.

Edmonds homered way over the Cardinals' bullpen in the 12th inning, a two-run shot for a 6-4 victory over Houston that evened the NL championship series at 3-all.

Edmonds skipped around the bases, jumping into a cluster of teammates waiting for him at home plate.

Now, waiting for all of them: Roger Clemens in an all-or-nothing Game 7.

"We all watched TV as kids. We all hear all the stuff you guys say and write and show us. I finally get to play in a Game 7," Edmonds said.

"I think how much better does it get? Game 7 vs. Roger Clemens," he said.

Jeff Bagwell's two-out single in the ninth off Cardinals closer Jason Istringhausen tied it at 4, then Edmonds won it with a one-out shot off Dan Miceli.

Bagwell didn't even bother watching as Edmonds' shot sailed to right field. The Houston first baseman simply lowered his head and walked across the field.

"A very winnable game for us, so I'm disappointed," Astros manager Phil Garner said. "Haven't given much thought to tomorrow's game, only that I had scheduled the Rocket to go."

Clemens came out of retirement for the sole purpose of pitching his hometown Astros into their first World Series. The 42-year-old ace will get that chance Thursday night when he starts against former Boston teammate Jeff Suppan.

Suppan has started against Clemens four times this year and lost every one, including in Game 3 at Houston.

It will be will Clemens' fourth career start in a Game 7 — he's 1-0 in those outings after getting knocked out early last year in the ALCS for the Yankees.

"I've never seen him pitch when he wasn't tough to beat," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "It shames up to be a terrific matchup."

Righty Julian Tavarez went two innings for the victory. He pitched with a left hand that he broke in a dugout tantrum in Houston.

The Cardinals won a postseason game in extra innings for the first time since the 1964 World Series at Yankee Stadium. It was the first extra-inning postseason game in St. Louis since the 1946 World Series opener.



St. Louis Cardinals, from left to right in front, Marlon Anderson, Scott Rolan, Edgar Renteria and Larry Walker celebrate as they wait for teammate Jim Edmonds to cross the plate after Edmonds hit a two-run homer in the 12th inning to force Game 7 against the Astros.

Miceli came on after Astros superman Brad Lidge blew away St. Louis for three perfect innings, striking out five.

Albert Pujols drew a leadoff walk and one out later Edmonds connected for his second homer of the NLCS.

Pujols got the Cardinals started with a two-run homer in the first off Pete Munro. The journeyman pitched so that Clemens would not have to work on three days' rest.

The Cardinals took a 4-3 lead into the ninth, but Istringhausen immediately put himself in jeopardy by hitting pinch-hitter Morgan Ensberg leading off. A bunt moved Ensberg to second and Craig Biggio hit a fly ball for the second out.

That brought up the marvelous Carlos Beltran, and the Cardinals huddled on the mound. A big cheer broke out in the sellout crowd of 52,144 when catcher

Mike Matheny signaled for an intentional walk.

Bagwell foiled the strategy, hitting a hard RBI single on the first pitch. After a double steal, Istringhausen managed to keep it tied by striking out Lance Berkman.

## Wednesday Cardinals 6, Astros 4 (12)

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Clellm cf	4	2	0	0	0
Boggs 1b	4	2	0	0	0
Bjorkm rf	3	0	0	1	0
Lidge p	3	0	0	0	0
Backe ph	1	0	0	0	0
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J Kent 2b	5	0	0	0	0
Lamit 3b	4	1	1	0	0
Jvzco ss	5	0	0	0	0
Asunc c	4	1	1	0	0
Ensberg ph	0	0	0	0	0
Lane rf	1	0	0	0	0
Munro p	1	0	0	0	0
Murphy p	0	0	0	0	0
Alviti p	0	0	0	0	0
Opimiro ph	0	0	0	0	0
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# RACING STRIPES

## Cup chase has become a three-man race

A WEEKLY LOOK AT MOTORSPORTS

### Many expect Gordon to win his fifth title

BY JENNA FRYER  
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Everything went wrong for Kurt Busch and Jeff Gordon in the fifth round of NASCAR's championship chase.

Still, neither lost ground in their pursuit of the Nextel Cup.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. has to be wondering what it will take to reclaim the top position. He did everything right at Lowe's Motor Speedway, finished third in the race, and still trails Busch by 24 points in the standings with Gordon closing in behind him.

How so? Because Busch and Gordon were able to overcome every obstacle thrown their way.

From a lap-one accident involving both to late-race spins and dodging spilled oil on the track, they proved to be championship contenders. Busch finished fourth, two spots behind Gordon.

"I've just got to keep finishing ahead of them," an exasperated Earnhardt said. "Kurt's got his 'A' game. We've got our 'A' game going on right now. We've just got to keep having the same kind of weekend. You just try to get what you can get."

The sixth round of the Chase is Sunday in Martinsville, Va., and for all practical purposes, it's a three-man race.

Unless all three of the top drivers have massive problems — and two of them did in Charlotte but still managed to overcome them — there's no way the rest of the contenders can challenge.

It's also unlikely they'll gain ground at Martinsville, where all three of the lead drivers have fine records.

■ Busch has two Martinsville wins, including one in 2002 from the 36th starting position, the farthest back a race winner has started there.

■ Earnhardt has five consecutive top-five finishes at Martinsville, the longest top-five streak among any active driver.

■ Gordon is the Martinsville master. In 23 starts, he has five victories, five poles, 12 top-fives and 17 top-10s. He swept both poles and races in 2003, and has led 46 percent of the laps during the past three races.

When reminded the scene was shifting

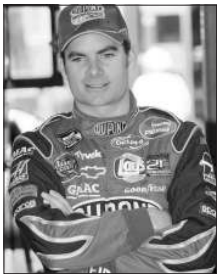


AP

Last week in Charlotte, N.C., points leader Kurt Busch wrecked in practice, wrecked on the first lap of the race, avoided another accident and still finished fourth.

to Martinsville, Gordon shouted with glee. But a new surface on the Virginia short track has him worried.

"I wish they hadn't repaved Martinsville because I think we had a big edge on the competition with the old conditions," he said. "The new conditions are closing the competition up on a little bit."



AP

Jeff Gordon was involved in a wreck in the first lap, later spun out and managed to finish second last week in "probably the greatest comeback I've ever experienced."

Busch used one of his team testing sessions to practice on the new surface, and knows it will present challenges.

"The new surface is going to provide for a different type of racing," he said. "It's going to be single-file for a while and a matter of staying out of trouble."

"Another element that's going to be new



AP

Dale Earnhardt is feeling the sting of his 25-point penalty for cursing in a post-race TV interview earlier this month. He trails points leader Kurt Busch by 24 points.

to Martinsville is the center of corner speed. There are going to be guys that gain so much speed through the center of the corner on somebody that you've got to protect your radiator."

All 10 of the contenders have proved capable of adapting, but none are better than Gordon. That's why several competitors are picking the four-time series champion to have a fifth title at the end of the season. Gordon isn't denying the logic.

"A lot of the members of this team were here when we won the championship in 2001," he said. "The chemistry, on top of the experience we have, allows us to be a very good team and make comebacks."

Gordon should excel this weekend. He should have earned his sixth Martinsville race in the spring, but a chunk of concrete broke loose and damaged his car after he led 180 of the first 272 laps.

It took four pit stops to finish the damage, and Gordon still managed a sixth-place finish.

"We would love to win this thing, but it's hard to pick anybody who is a favorite right now," Gordon said. "I know the past experience plays a big part in how you look at the way the championship is this year. I just think it's putting the best car and team out there week in and week out."

## Sprint to the finish is off track

BY LEE SPENCER

The Sporting News

What's the first rule of real estate? Location, location, location.

The same could be said for the Chase for the NASCAR Nextel Cup schedule.

It's the halfway point in the Chase, and it just hasn't packed the punch it promised.

Fans might assume plenty of thought went into constructing the schedule for the final 10 races — but was there any thought at all? With the exception of the Southern 500 — one of NASCAR's classic races but soon to be extinct — this year's lineup looks similar to the way it did be-

fore Kansas got a

big-time track and a

fall Cup race.

So is it any surprise

that during the 24

hours of Charlotte, the

second of three 1½-milers in a four-race

stretch of the Nextel Cup schedule, I was

already fumbling for my Stacker 2 and

Starbucks before the first 100 laps were

completed?

If NASCAR was going to go to the

Chase format, why didn't it pick its most

entertaining tracks for the final 10 races

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### Commentary

## NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

### Race 31: Subway 500, 2 a.m. Monday, AFN-Sports.

Last race: Jimmie Johnson got his fifth win of the year in the UAW-GM Quality 500 at Concord, N.C. Johnson, with virtually no chance to win the Nextel Cup, became the first driver to sweep the season races at Lowe's Motor

Speedway since the Dale Earnhardt in 1996.

Last year: Jeff Gordon finished the season sweep at Martinsville Speedway by winning the Subway 500.

### DRIVERS TO WATCH

Jeff Gordon Kurt Busch Rusty Wallace  
will draw on his win at Martinsville year two years ago. He has won twice at Martinsville last year, but he's trying to win a 10-race sprint for 74-point deficit in the Nextel Cup. He has finished in the top six the last five races.

Speedy since the Dale Earnhardt in 1996. Last year: Jeff Gordon finished the season sweep at Martinsville Speedway by winning the Subway 500.

### FAST FACTS

On Monday, Dale Earnhardt Jr. lost his appeal of a 25-point penalty and \$10,000 for using a vulgar term during a post-race TV interview. Rusty Wallace won the April 18 race at Martinsville, but the track has since been repaved. Kurt Busch won the 2002 race in the 36th starting position, the farthest back in the field to win in track history.

## BUSCH SERIES

This week: Sam's Town 250 at Memphis, Tenn. (Sunday, 4 p.m. (delayed) AFN-Sports).

Last race: Mike Bliss made a three-lap pass to take the lead, then held off a charging Matt Kenseth to win the Springfield 200 at Concord, N.C. Last year: Bobby Hamilton Jr. picked up his third win of 2003 when he nudged past Johnny Sauter with three laps to go. Next race: Aaron's 312-Off at Atlanta.

## FORMULA ONE

This week: Brazilian Grand Prix at Sao Paulo.

Last race: Michael Schumacher won his 13th race of the season in the first since August by taking the Japanese GP. Last year: Giancarlo Fisichella was declared the winner of the Brazilian Grand Prix last May after Kimi Raikkonen took the checkered flag. Circuit officials ruled that Fisichella was leading before the race was stopped due to numerous crashes and spins on the rain-soaked track.

Next race: Season is over.

## INDY RACING

Last race: Helio Castroneves picked up his first win in 13 races by taking the

season-ending Chevy 500 at Texas Motor Speedway. Series champion Tony Stewart won his 10th career title and became the first driver in any major series to complete every lap of a race.

Next race: Season is over.

## CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

This week: Kroger 200 at Martinsville, Va.

Last race: Todd Bodine won his 38th straight race, leading the final 30 laps of the Silverado 350K in Fort Worth, Texas.

Last year: Jon Wood held off teammate Carl Edwards to win the Advance Auto Race 200.

Next race: Chevy Silverado 150, Nov. 5, Avondale, Ariz.

## CHAMP CARS

This week: Loymax Indy 200 at Surf, Calif. (Sunday, 2 p.m. (delayed) AFN-Sports).

Last race: Sebastien Bourdais held off Noyes-Walsh teammate Bruno Junqueira in a side-by-side battle to win the Indy 200 at Texas Motor Speedway. Last year: Tony won his first CART championship when closest rival Alex Zanardi crashed with 10 laps left in the Gold Coast Indy at Australia. Ryan Hunter-Reay was the winner in a close out short by thunderstorms and hail.

Next race: Nov. 7, Mexico City.

## SPORTS



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# Cursed to charmed

## 3 outs from being swept, Sox complete historic comeback over Yankees

BY RONALD BLUM  
*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — It was a strange sight indeed, the Boston Red Sox jumping for joy in Yankee Stadium.

Seldom have the Red Sox risen so high, and rarely have the Yankees bowed so low.

Believe it, New England — the Red Sox are in the World Series.

And they got there with the most unbelievable comeback of all, with four sweet swings after decades of defeat, shaming the dreaded Yankees.

David Ortiz, Johnny Damon and Derek Lowe made sure of it.

Just three outs from getting swept in the AL championship series three nights earlier, the Red Sox finally humbled the Evil Empire, winning Game 7 in a 10-3 shocker Wednesday night to become the first major league team to overcome a 3-0 postseason series deficit.

"All empires fall sooner or later," Boston President Larry Lucchino said.

Cursed for 86 years, these Red Sox just might be charmed.

There is no torture this time, no hour of humiliation. Better yet for Boston fans, it's the Yankees who are left to suffer the memory of a historic collapse.

"Not many people get the opportunity to shock the world. We came out and did it," Boston first baseman Kevin Millar said.

"You know what? We beat the Yankees. Now they get a chance to watch us on the tube."



Boston didn't need any of the late-inning dramatics that marked the past three games, leading 6-0 after two innings. Ortiz, the series MVP, started it with a two-run homer in the first off broken-down Kevin Brown. Damon, in a 3-for-29 (.103) slide coming in, quieted Yankee Stadium in the second inning with a grand slam on Javier Vazquez's first pitch.

After Derek Jeter sparked hope of a comeback with a run-scoring single in the third, Damon put a two-run homer into the upper deck for an 8-1 lead in the fourth.

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AP photos

Above, Red Sox players celebrate after defeating the New York Yankees 10-3 in Game 7 of the AL championship series on Wednesday to complete their comeback from a 3-0 series deficit. At left, Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter (right) and third baseman Alex Rodriguez wait for New York to make a pitching change during a Boston rally. Top left, a smiling Red Sox fan sits behind a glum Yankees fan enjoying the ninth inning.



## Three drivers in front in the Chase for the Cup

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